

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : THE DIRECTOR

DATE: November 17, 1952

FROM : MR. D. M. LADD *pl*SUBJECT: MATTHEW CVETIC
FORMER PITTSBURGH INFORMANT
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Reference is made to the attached letter from Houston dated November 6, 1952, in which it was indicated that Cvetic has been exhibiting a letter supposedly written on paper bearing the letterhead of the Department of Justice which stated Cvetic had been retained for an additional year as a consultant to the Department of Justice at the rate of \$24,000 per annum. You noted "Find out about this."

Referral/Consult



Since Cvetic will be a witness in the Pittsburgh Smith Act trial, the information that he has been indicating he is a consultant to the Department of Justice has been furnished to the Criminal Division and our Pittsburgh Division has been instructed to also advise the United States Attorney's Office in Pittsburgh and the departmental attorney in Pittsburgh handling the Smith Act trial.

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TO : Director, FBI

FROM : *TH* SAC, Pittsburgh (67-2584)

SUBJECT: MATTHEW CVETIC
FORMER SECURITY INFORMANT C-113

DATE: December 3, 1952

REGISTERED MATTER

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ON *7-31-89*

Re Mylet, 8-27-52, and Director's letter to Boston captioned
"NICOLAS SLONIMSKY, SECURITY MATTER - C," 10-15-52.

In accordance with the authorization contained in referenced Bureau letter, MATTHEW CVETIC was interviewed on December 1, 1952, at which time he voluntarily turned over to the interviewing agents copies of his addresses before the Pennsylvania American Legion Convention in Convention Hall, Philadelphia, Pa., on August 7, 1952, and before the Optimist Club of Pittsburgh at the Roosevelt Hotel, Pittsburgh, on August 26, 1952, in which speeches he mentioned one Dr. ROY E. HARRIS and NICHOLAS SLONIMSKY.

Photostatic copies of the above-described speeches are being submitted to the Bureau as enclosures as a matter of information.

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- 1 cc - Pittsburgh file 100-11452
- 1 cc - Pittsburgh file 100-0 (Dr. ROY E. HARRIS)

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January 24, 1953

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Could you please supply me the mailing address of
Mr. Mike Cvitic ("I Was A Communist For The F.B.I.") as we
wish to investigate the possibilities of getting him for
the feature speaker of an Americanism rally planned for
Chattanooga.

Your help in this matter will be appreciated and a reply
via Western Union collect is requested.

Very truly,

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

Transmit the following message to: JANUARY 27, 1953

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I REGRET WE DO NOT HAVE THE INFORMATION YOU DESIRE.
THOUGHT YOU MIGHT LIKE TO KNOW THAT THE INDIVIDUAL
TO WHOM YOU REFER WAS NEVER AN EMPLOYEE OF THE FBI.

SINCERELY YOURS,

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

NOTE: Correspondent is apparently referring to Matt Cvetic
who was formerly a confidential informant of this Bureau.
The program "I was a Communist for the FBI" deals with Cvetic's
activities while associated with the Communist Party.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : A. H. BELMONT

DATE: February 9, 1953

FROM : C. E. HENNEIGH

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SUBJECT: MATTHEW CVETIC
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SAC Hallford called from Pittsburgh on the afternoon of February 9, 1953. He said that [redacted] Departmental Attorney, who is in Pittsburgh handling the Smith Act cases, contacted the Pittsburgh Office and advised that [redacted] of the Department has informed that Matthew Cvetic will definitely not be used as a witness at the trial of this case. [redacted] stated that apparently this decision was made on the basis of information supplied to the Department by the Bureau. [redacted] has indicated that in view of the heart attack suffered by John Lautner on Friday, February 6, 1953, it now appears that the problem of proceeding with the prosecution in Pittsburgh is very grave. The trial is scheduled to again start on Monday, February 16, 1953, and the Department has indicated that they are not asking for a continuance. [redacted] said that [redacted] has indicated it will be necessary to supply testimony to supplant the testimony of both Cvetic and Lautner.

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BACKGROUND:

You will recall that on February 6, 1953, we talked with Assistant Attorney General Olney regarding Cvetic and advised him of his background and recent activities. You will also recall that [redacted] of the Department indicated this morning that the Department was attempting to eliminate Cvetic as a witness. If this is done, it may be necessary to utilize some other informant of the Bureau. [redacted] was advised that we would consider this when the Department had completed its determination as to whether Cvetic would be used.

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ACTION:

I instructed [redacted] to immediately get together with [redacted] and determine from him specifically what evidence he will need in connection with the Smith Act cases now that the Department has decided not to use Cvetic. I told him then to evaluate his

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position on the basis of available testimony in order to avoid uncovering [] who is a very valuable informant and is furnishing information concerning underground activities. [] stated that he will do this and undoubtedly certain testimony can be substituted. However, he feels that the over-all picture is such that if prosecution is to go ahead in the absence of Cvetic, it will be necessary to sacrifice [] He will definitely advise us concerning this after he has conferred further with [].

The Department has not directly advised the Bureau here in Washington that they are going to eliminate Cvetic as a witness. In order that the question of testimony to be produced at the Pittsburgh trial may be resolved as quickly as possible, we will confer with [] on February 10, 1953, in order to definitely determine what testimony the Department plans to use and specifically what are their plans in proceeding with the prosecution at Pittsburgh.

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You will be advised of the developments.

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TO : MR. D. M. LADD

DATE: February 9, 1953

FROM : MR. A.H. BELMONT

SUBJECT: MATTHEW CVETIC
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On the morning of February 9, [redacted] of the Department called to advise that the Department is attempting to eliminate Cvetic as a witness in the Smith Act trial at Pittsburgh and in other cases. An examination of Cvetic's testimony in the State trial at Pittsburgh reflects it differs in some respects from the information he has furnished the Government. [redacted] advised that the Department realizes Cvetic is subject to attack as to credibility and therefore the Department is attempting to eliminate him as a witness. [redacted] advised that if Cvetic is not used, it may be necessary to utilize some other informant of the Bureau. I told him we would consider this when the Department had completed its review.

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TO : MR. LADD

DATE: February 6, 1953

FROM : A. H. BELMONT

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On the afternoon of February 6, 1953, [redacted] and I spoke to Assistant Attorney General Warren Olney and [redacted], of the Department, concerning Matthew Cvetic, former informant of the Pittsburgh Office. We advised them that Cvetic was a Communist informant of the Bureau for a number of years until 1950; that he was very active and furnished considerable information of value during that time. I advised that since Cvetic was discontinued as an informant, he has appeared publicly many times, made speeches, and given interviews; that his alleged experiences are the basis for a current radio program; and that he has been active in moving pictures. I advised them that he is a moody, neurotic individual, who is subject to drink. Further, during his public contacts since 1950, he has been involved in personal escapades and has made statements which are not based on fact.

I advised Mr. Olney that the background on Cvetic has been furnished to the Department and the Bureau has expressed doubt as to whether he can be considered reliable. I advised that without doubt, Cvetic will be subject to attack as a witness in any government case, and his activities are such that the defense can probably thoroughly discredit him. I advised that we have expressed this opinion to the Department previously, as Cvetic is scheduled to be a witness in the trial of the Communist Party leaders in Pittsburgh and so far the Department considers him to be an essential witness.

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Mr. Olney instructed [redacted] to go over this case thoroughly to see whether Cvetic could be eliminated as a witness, as Olney felt it would be dangerous to use Cvetic in view of the probability he could be discredited.

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[redacted] mentioned that Cvetic is also being considered as a witness in the presentation of the case against the International Workers' Order before the Subversive Activities Control Board, as Cvetic has furnished information showing the activities of that organization within the three-year statutory period.

I advised Mr. Olney that we wanted him to know the background and activities of Cvetic in order that the Department

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would not be caught unaware in the event Cvetic is used as a witness and is discredited.

ACTION:

None. This is for your information. We will follow with the Department to see whether Cvetic is to be used as a witness and will continue our attempts to discourage his use as such.

Office Memorandum

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : THE DIRECTOR

DATE: February 3, 1953

FROM : MR. D. M. LADD

SUBJECT: MATTHEW CVETIC
FORMER PITTSBURGH INFORMANTSYNOPSIS

Matthew Cvetic was used as a Communist informant by the Bureau from 1943 until 1950 and was a member of the Communist Party during that time on behalf of the Bureau. He was very active in the Communist Party and numerous front organizations, as a result of which considerable information of value on a local and national scale was obtained by him and turned over to the Bureau. Cvetic was a difficult personality to handle and became involved several times in personal affairs which jeopardized his position as an informant. The information he furnished was of such value, however, that his discontinuance was held in abeyance until January 23, 1950, when he was finally terminated. For services rendered and necessary expenses incurred the Bureau paid \$21,947.08 to Cvetic. Since being discontinued Cvetic has appeared before numerous public groups and the House Committee on Un-American Activities furnishing information on Communism. Bureau furnished Department complete background data on Cvetic, but the Department has advised he is essential witness for Pittsburgh Smith Act cases. In view of the volume and type of information he has furnished, it may be necessary to use him in other Bureau cases. The Bureau will in every instance take all possible steps to substitute for Cvetic's testimony and will discourage his use as a witness in all Bureau cases unless he is absolutely essential. This memorandum is for information.

BACKGROUND OF CVETIC, EFFECTIVENESS AND VALUE

Matthew Cvetic was a paid informant from February, 1943, to January, 1950, and during that time he was a member of the Communist Party for the Bureau. During that period he furnished considerable details concerning Communist Party activity in the Pittsburgh area, particularly among the foreign element and on a national basis relative to foreign language groups. During the course of his informant activities, Cvetic was an Executive Committee member of the Tom Paine Branch, East End Club; North Side Club; Organizer for the Lawrenceville Club; member of the Educational Committee of Western Pennsylvania District of the Communist Party; member of the District Committee of Western Pennsylvania District of the Communist Party; member of the Nationality Commission, Western Pennsylvania District of the Communist Party; and Secretary of the Slavic Bureau of the Communist Party. He has held numerous positions in various Communist Party front organizations, such as the American Slav Congress, Yugoslav Relief, American Committee for the Protection of Foreign Born,

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International Workers Order, etc. He was a confidant of Roy Hudson, former Chairman of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania, and has had contacts with Steve Nelson.

Cvetic was born on March 4, 1909 at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and at the time he became an informant he was married, buying his own home and had twin sons. His mother and father were naturalized citizens, having both been born in Austria and at the time of his development as an informant he gave every indication of being a responsible, capable person. Information had been previously furnished that Cvetic was arrested and indicted for assault and battery upon his sister-in-law in 1939. A nolle-prosequi was entered the same year. During the course of the handling of this individual as an informant, the FBI had numerous difficulties; however, in view of the value of the information which he was furnishing, his services were not discontinued, but this was seriously considered on several occasions. He separated from his wife and started living in a rather expensive hotel room. In March, 1947, the informant told his girl friend, her parents and his brother that he was supplying information to the FBI. This, of course, was in violation of Bureau instructions to him. In May, 1948, he asked for \$100 a week as payment for his services instead of the \$65 which he was being paid. He stated that he was paying \$105 a month for a hotel room and was paying \$75 a month to his divorced wife for the support of his twin sons, and he was further indebted in the amount of \$450. In December, 1948, he told an individual connected with the Carnegie Illinois Steel Company that he was an undercover man for the FBI. In March, 1949, it was ascertained that Cvetic had been contacting a psychiatrist for some time and that Cvetic was the victim of a firmly-fixed "anxiety neurosis" being of the unjustifiable conviction that he suffered from heart disease. This had no basis in fact.

In recent years there has been an indication that Cvetic is a moody individual subject to alternating periods of enthusiasm, self-pity and depression.

As indicated above, although the Bureau experienced considerable difficulty with Cvetic, it was felt that the information he furnished was of such value that his discontinuance as an informant was held in abeyance until on January 23, 1950, the final steps were taken to discontinue his services. At that time Cvetic stated he held no ill will toward the FBI. For services rendered and necessary expenses incurred the Bureau paid a total of \$21,947.08 to Cvetic.

FUTURE USE OF CVETIC

Immediately upon being terminated by the Bureau Cvetic contacted members of the press in Pittsburgh and he was summoned to appear as a witness before the House Committee on Un-American Activities. Since that time he has made many public appearances and furnished considerable information concerning the activities of the Communist movement of Western Pennsylvania.

In the preparation of the Smith Act case in Pittsburgh the Department reviewed the information furnished by Matthew Cvetic and on August 13, 1951, Assistant United States Attorney [redacted] of Pittsburgh stated that Cvetic's testimony was essential to the successful prosecution of the Pittsburgh cases. The decision of the Department to use Cvetic as a witness was made with full knowledge of his background as the Bureau on two occasions, namely, December 27, 1950, and July 30, 1951, had furnished to the Department complete information concerning him. In addition, the Bureau has directed to the attention of the Department officials articles written by Cvetic in the "Saturday Evening Post" on July 15, July 22 and July 29, 1950, entitled, "I posed as a Communist for the FBI." On another occasion, October 30, 1952, information was received by the Bureau that Cvetic was scheduled to deliver an address at Baton Rouge, Louisiana, before an unidentified organization and spent that afternoon in the bar of a hotel where he allegedly became intoxicated to the extent that he was not able to fulfill his speaking engagement. This information was brought to the attention of the Department.

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Despite the notorious activities of Cvetic which have occurred since 1950 he did furnish in the past considerable valuable information on a local and national scale and in addition to his use in the Pittsburgh cases it may be necessary to utilize his services in other prosecutions.

The Bureau will in every instance take all possible steps to substitute for Cvetic's testimony and will discourage his use as a witness in all Bureau cases unless he is absolutely essential.

ACTION:

None. This is for information.

I think Ladd or Belmont should speak to Olney re Cvetic so he will be aware personally. The use of Cvetic in any govt case would be most unfortunate.

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To the Director
RE: MATTHEW CVETIC

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She further advised she learned that the person named [] was a former cab driver in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. She advised [] came to the ticket counter, located in the Heidelberg Hotel, and stated he would take CVETIC'S plane ticket to him and that it was already paid for. She stated she advised [] she had not received payment for the ticket and that he would be unable to obtain it until such payment was made. She advised that [] stated CVETIC had given [] approximately \$70.00 to purchase his plane ticket. She stated [] was accompanied at this time by an unknown white male.

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[] advised CVETIC was picked up early the next morning at the home of [] by the Airport limousine driver and taken to the Airport where he boarded a plane for New Orleans, Louisiana.

[] advised she has never seen the person named [] since the morning after the scheduled lecture.

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Assistant Attorney General Warren Olney III
Criminal Division

February 20, 1953

Director, FBI

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COMMUNIST PARTY, USA - BRIEF
(Prosecution of Additional
Communist Functionaries Under
the Smith Act - Pittsburgh)
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FBI File 100-3-74-39

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ON 7-31-89

Reference is made to my memorandum to
former Assistant Attorney General Charles B. Murray,
dated November 13, 1952, setting out information
concerning an incident in Baton Rouge, Louisiana,
on October 30, 1952, involving Matthew Guetic, a
former confidential informant of this Bureau.

There is attached hereto a copy of a
letter from the New Orleans Office of this Bureau,
dated February 11, 1953, captioned "Matthew Guetic,
Information Concerning," setting out additional
information concerning this incident.

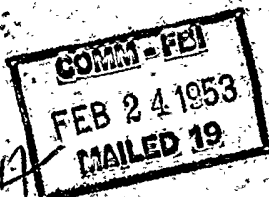
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, New Orleans (#62-0)

SUBJECT: MATTHEW CVETIC, aka Matt Cvetic;
Information Concerning

DATE: February 11, 1953

[redacted] Ticket Agent, Eastern Airlines City Ticket Office, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, advised an agent of this office on February 5, 1953, of the following information concerning the above-captioned individual. [redacted] requested her name be kept confidential.

[redacted] advised that CVETIC was scheduled to give a lecture at the Baton Rouge Junior High School some time during October 1952; however, she did not recall the exact date. She advised this lecture was being sponsored by Boyce-Harvey Machinery Inc., and also the American Legion, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. She stated she had heard that CVETIC arrived in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, by another airline and that, upon his arrival, he was very intoxicated. She stated she had received information that CVETIC was unable to make his appearance at the scheduled time and that later she had heard that he gave his lecture in the Hunt Room of the Heidelberg Hotel.

She advised that on the following day CVETIC had a plane reservation out of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, to New Orleans, Louisiana, where he would make connections with the Capital Airways and travel, via Capital Airlines, to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. She advised that CVETIC had not reconfirmed his reservation via Eastern Airlines and that she had attempted to locate him early the following day. She stated a white male, known only by the name of [redacted] advised her CVETIC was at the Vogue Bar and Grill, located in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and that he was in no condition to be moved.

[redacted] further advised she attempted to telephone CVETIC at his room in the Heidelberg Hotel later that afternoon, and that a man named [redacted] answered the phone. She advised [redacted] told her CVETIC had been given a narcotic shot and that he was unconscious. She stated she obtained the name of the doctor that had administered the shot and contacted him to verify CVETIC'S condition and to learn if CVETIC would be able to keep his plane reservation for that evening. She stated the doctor advised her CVETIC would be unable to leave Baton Rouge, Louisiana, as scheduled and she stated she cancelled his reservation.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON
MR. LADD
MR. NICHOLS

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On February 3, 1953, I saw Mr. William Block, Publisher of the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette.

I first took occasion to thank Mr. Block for the excellent cooperation of the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette. Mr. Block stated that the matter he wished to discuss with me was a matter entirely off the record but he had been greatly concerned about the capitalizing of ex-informants of the FBI, having in mind particularly the case of Matt Cvetic. He stated that from information which he has obtained, this man is now "owned" in part by Judge Musmanno of Pennsylvania and a Hearst newspaper reporter. He stated that the reputation of Musmanno, of course, is well known in that he has become a sensationalist in getting publicity concerning himself in his alleged fight against Communists, although Musmanno, years ago, was himself an extreme left-winger. He stated that Matt Cvetic, he believes, is now being quite careless in charging various people with being members of the Communist Party and Communist front organizations and what concerned Mr. Block particularly was the fact that he is portrayed as having been an undercover agent for the FBI and is speaking with considerable authority, using the name of the FBI.

I told Mr. Block that I was equally concerned with the activities of ex-informants but that there was no way whereby we could control such activities. I pointed out to him that there had been consideration given at one time to requesting legislation which would prohibit a person in Government service from discussing information obtained while in Government service to persons after he had left the Government. I told him that, of course, he knew that any such legislation would be vigorously opposed by certain segments of the press as being an infringement upon freedom of speech.

I told him that as regards Cvetic, he was not an undercover agent as we had no such title on our payroll but that he was, in fact, an informant, not an Agent, nor an accountant, nor an undercover agent. I stated that he worked for the Bureau from 1943 until 1951, receiving during that period of time moderate compensation for services and moderate expenses for his work. Mr. Block stated that he intended to go farther into Cvetic's activities and particularly persons who were associated with him, and he was wondering whether I would be willing, at some time in the future, to state that Matt Cvetic was not an Agent nor an ex-Agent of the FBI and I told him I would, of course, be willing to make

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such a statement because it was a fact that he was an informant and that was all. He inquired whether I would be willing to evaluate his services as an informant and I told him I would not. I pointed out that we have a number of informants, some being of a very high type with excellent educations, such as [redacted] was, and others were of limited ability, such as Cvetic, but that I would not and could not make any such public evaluation.

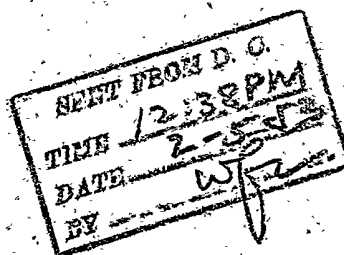
I would like to have prepared for me by Mr. Ladd and Mr. Belmont a memorandum upon just what the services of Cvetic were and how important they were to us. Also, I would like to be advised as to the necessity for using him as a witness in the forthcoming Smith Act cases in Pittsburgh. It would appear from what Mr. Block has stated that Cvetic is becoming more and more discredited and certainly the use by the Federal Government of a man like Cvetic, who is now resorting to rather cheap tactics, will not strengthen our cases in that Judicial District.

Very truly yours,

J. E. H.

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Dear [redacted]

Your letter of February 2, 1953, has been received.

While I would like to be of service, it is not possible for me to comply with your request as this Bureau does not sponsor or have any connection with the activities of Matt Cuetic. I thought you might like to know also that he was never an employee of the FBI although he has furnished us information from time to time.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington D. C.

Dear Sir:

The Senior class of Sebring High School
is interested in sponsoring a lecture in
Sebring by Mr. Matt Cvetic.

We would like to know where we could
obtain more information concerning the de-
tails, expense etc. of having him here.

We would like to have this information
at your earliest convenience and appreciate
your time in this matter.

Sincerely yours



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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Chief,
Federal Bureau of Investigation
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Dear Mr. Hoover:

I certainly appreciated the time you
gave me in Washington last Tuesday.

As I told you, I am somewhat concerned
at the activities of Matt Cvetic and his use of the prestige
of his former FBI connections.

It seems to me it is now time to pin down
the fact that he was never an agent, and also perhaps to
demonstrate the embarrassment of the FBI at the use made by
Cvetic of his former FBI connection for personal exploitation
and profit.

I will, in the near future, send you an out-
line of a statement to see whether you would be willing to make
such a statement, or perhaps make something public about this.

At this time Cvetic is allying himself with
Justice Musmanno in a smear campaign on the composer Roy Harris.
I have carefully reviewed Roy Harris' background and feel that
Musmanno and Cvetic can only be carrying on this campaign for
publicity ^{and} opportunistic purposes. Naturally I am not trying in
any way to embarrass the Federal Bureau of Investigation or
to reduce the effectiveness of its informers.

I assure you of our continuing cooperation.

Sincerely,

William Block
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Dear Mr. Block:

It was very thoughtful of you to
send me your letter of February 11, 1953,
concerning the conversation we had here in
Washington. I was most happy to have the
opportunity of talking with you.

I do appreciate your acquainting
me with Cvetkic's current activities, and I
am looking forward to learning more about
your plans as they are formulated.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

cc - Pittsburgh, with copy of incoming.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : The Director

FROM : Mr. D. M. Ladd *DML*

SUBJECT: MATTHEW CVETIC
FORMER CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT

DATE: February 17, 1953

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SYNOPSIS:

jm The Director has requested specific information as to the number of times we have advised the Department of the undesirable aspects of using Matthew Cvetic as a witness with specific attention on the first such instance. Cvetic discontinued as an informant in January 1950. In December 1950 Department was advised of his background and several unfavorable factors which should be taken into consideration prior to utilizing him as a witness. In connection with Pittsburgh Smith Act trial, Department was advised on July 30, 1951, at the time the prosecutive summary reports were furnished to the Department and before prosecution was authorized, that a large part of the evidence against the Pittsburgh subjects was furnished by Cvetic. The Department's attention directed to the fact that Cvetic had been discontinued as an informant "due to indiscretion on his part and the fact that he had disclosed his confidential relationship with the Bureau on several occasions." On August 8, 1951, still prior to the arrests of the Pittsburgh subjects, Departmental attorneys were orally advised at a conference that since Cvetic has been in the public eye, he has made statements which may be open to question and the Department should consider this in connection with his use as a witness. Additional occasions when the Department's attention was directed to the background of Cvetic and the undesirability of using him as a witness are set out. Action - None. For your information.

PURPOSE:

To set out, pursuant to the Director's request, specific information as to the number of times we have advised the Department as to the undesirable aspects of using former informant Matthew Cvetic as a witness.

DETAILS:

The danger and undesirability of making use of Cvetic as a witness was first brought to the attention of the Department by memorandum to then Assistant Attorney General James B. McInerney, dated December 27, 1950, captioned "Internal Security Act of 1950." Cvetic's background and association with the Bureau from February 1943 to January 1950 were pointed out and it was noted that he was in a position to testify to considerable valuable information concerning

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Communist Party activities. The Department was advised, however, that there was "another side of the ledger" which should be taken into consideration prior to utilizing Cvetic as a witness. Cvetic's arrest for assault and battery against his sister-in-law in 1939 was pointed out as were the several occasions on which he divulged his confidential relationship with the Bureau to unauthorized persons. His separation from his wife, subsequent divorce, and the fact that he had been contacting a psychiatrist because of a "anxiety neurosis" were mentioned. It was pointed out that during recent years there had been an indication that Cvetic is a "moody individual, subject to alternating periods of enthusiasm, self-pity and depression."

In connection with the Pittsburgh Smith Act trial, the prosecutive summary reports on the six Pittsburgh subjects were submitted to the Department on July 27, 1951, pursuant to the Department's request for these reports on July 18, 1951. By memorandum from Mr. Belmont to me dated July 27, 1951, it was pointed out that a large part of the admissible evidence against the Pittsburgh subjects had been furnished by Cvetic and it was felt that "in view of Cvetic's background this factor is being made the subject of a separate memorandum to the Department." This memorandum, dated July 30, 1951, to former Deputy Attorney General Peyton Ford, copies to the Criminal Division, directed the Department's attention to the fact that a large part of the admissible evidence against the Pittsburgh subjects had been furnished by Cvetic. It was pointed out to the Department that "Cvetic was discontinued as a confidential informant in January 1950 due to indiscretion on his part and the fact that he had disclosed his confidential relationship with the Bureau on several occasions." It should be noted that this was prior to the date on which the Department authorized prosecution against the Pittsburgh subjects. On August 8, 1951, during a conference between Mr. Belmont and Departmental Attorneys [redacted] and [redacted] stated that the Department contemplated using Cvetic as a witness at the Pittsburgh trial. Mr. Belmont pointed out to [redacted] that since Cvetic has been in the public eye, he has made statements which may be open to question and the Department should consider this in connection with his use as a witness. As you will recall, the arrests of the Pittsburgh subjects did not take place until August 17, 1951.

On March 7, 1952, the Pittsburgh Office was instructed that prior to the pretrial interview with Cvetic by Departmental attorneys, these attorneys and United States Attorney Boyle should be advised of a series of articles written by Cvetic entitled "I Posed as a Communist for the FBI," which appeared in three July 1950 issues of "The Saturday Evening Post." These articles indicated a knowledge on Cvetic's part of technical coverage and other investigative techniques used by the Bureau.

By letter dated September 5, 1952, at the Department's request, a pretrial interview with Cvetic was authorized by the Bureau and Pittsburgh was instructed to "insure that Departmental attorneys and the United States Attorney are fully aware of indiscretion and questionable statements on the part of Cvetic since they would have considerable bearing on his credibility and vulnerability to attack on cross-examination if used as a witness."

By memorandum dated September 16, 1952, to then Assistant Attorney General Charles B. Murray, it was pointed out that Departmental attorneys had interviewed Cvetic and contemplated using him as a witness. The Department's attention was again directed to Bureau letter dated July 30, 1951, which advised of the reasons for Cvetic's discontinuance as a confidential informant and to Bureau letter dated December 27, 1950, entitled "Internal Security Act of 1950," which set out Cvetic's background and pointed out reasons which would make his use as a witness dangerous.

By memorandum dated November 30, 1952, the Department was advised that on October 30, 1952, Cvetic became intoxicated in the bar of the Heidelberg Hotel, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and was unable to fulfill a speaking engagement scheduled for that evening. The Department was advised that Cvetic allegedly remarked that he did not care to make a speech for a "paltry sum of two hundred dollars" and that he is further alleged to have exhibited a letter, supposedly bearing the letterhead of the Department of Justice, which indicated that he had been retained as a consultant by the Department at a salary of \$24,000 per year. The Department subsequently advised that Cvetic is employed by the Immigration and Naturalization Service as a consultant on a per diem basis but that his maximum annual salary is \$2,400 per year.

On February 6, 1953, during a conference with Assistant Attorney General Warren Olney III, Olney was again advised of the background and shortcomings of Cvetic.

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On February 9, 1953, Departmental Attorney [] telephonically advised Mr. Belmont that the Department was attempting to eliminate Cvetic as a witness since the Department realized that Cvetic was subject to attack as to his credibility.

On February 11, 1953, Departmental Attorney [] was advised that the Department has the derogatory information concerning Cvetic and knows the risks involved in using him as a witness. [] was advised that it would be necessary for the Department to make the decision as to whether Cvetic should be used.

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ACTION:

None. For your information.

*W. J. certainly have done our
duty in alerting D & D as to Cvetic.*

[Handwritten signatures and initials: CPH/B, JFR, and others]

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TO : Mr. D. M. Ladd *DL*

DATE: March 7, 1953

FROM : Mr. A. H. Belmont *A*ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
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SUBJECT: MATT CVETIC
FORMER CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT

SAC Hallford called from Pittsburgh on the afternoon of March 6, 1953, regarding the use of Cvetic as a possible witness in the Smith Act trial at Pittsburgh. He said that the U. S. Attorney and the Departmental attorneys in Pittsburgh had inferred that it would be necessary to use Cvetic as a witness but they understood that the Bureau might object to Cvetic's use. Hall wanted to know just what the Bureau's position was so that he could make it plain to the USA.

I told him that the Department had been furnished information on the background of Cvetic prior to the time that the Department decided to go ahead with prosecution in Pittsburgh and that subsequently we had again called to the Department's attention Cvetic's present activities and conflicting statements he has made at one time or another, and that we had pointed out that he might be discredited as a witness. I told Hallford that the Bureau's position is simply this: that we furnished information on Cvetic to the Department, they know his background and knew it before they started prosecution; therefore, it is a decision for the Department to make as to whether Cvetic is used as a witness. I told Mr. Hallford to restrict his comments to our position as set forth above.

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DR. ROY ELLSWORTH HARRIS
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Remylets, 12/11/52 and 2/17/53, captioned as above and my
let, 2/27/53, captioned "MATTHEW OVETIC; FORMER PITTSBURGH SECURITY
INFORMANT C-113."

There are enclosed herewith for the information of the
Bureau the following items which appeared in the PITTSBURGH POST
GAZETTE on 3/3/53 with regard to captioned subject:

1. News article entitled "County Legion Clears Harris
of Disloyalty" which appeared at Page 1, Column 2.
2. Editorial entitled "The Legion and Fair Play" which
appeared at Page 10, Column 1.

It is noted that both of the above items are critical of
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cc - Mr. Belmont

cc - Mr. Reddy-Mr. Baumgardner

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Assistant Attorney General
Warren Olney III

Director, FBI

GROATIAN FRATERNAL UNION
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INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

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Reference is made to your letter dated February 17, 1953, captioned as above, your file reference, WO:GJM:dmb, 146-1-64-279 and 146-11-34. Therein you requested an interview be conducted with Matthew Cvetic to reconcile statements made by him to this Bureau in 1947 and 1952 concerning Communist influence in the election of officers at the 1947 Convention of the Croatian Fraternal Union in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Reference is also made to your letter dated February 16, 1953, entitled "United States v. [REDACTED] et al," your file 146-1-64-447, WO:KTH:rir. Therein you advised that the Criminal Division has misgivings about the use of Cvetic as a witness because of his unsavory background and general instability.

In view of this, it is requested that you confirm the request for the interview of Cvetic as contained in your referenced letter of February 17, 1953.

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NOTE: Officers of the Croatian Fraternal Union (CFU) in May, 1951, submitted affidavits to the Committee on Un-American Activities denying Communist Party membership or affiliation and contact with Cvetic and other Communist Party members for the purpose of securing the election of Communist-supported candidates for CFU offices in the 1947 CFU Convention in Pittsburgh. Cvetic, while still a Bureau informant was interviewed in October, 1947, when he alleged the CP did influence the selection of individuals to be given Communist Party support in the election for CFU officers. The Communist candidates were elected to a controlling majority. After the affidavits were submitted, Cvetic was reinterviewed in September, 1952, to determine

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whether the affidavits were perjured. He then gave information at some variance with what he reported in 1947. The Criminal Division letter of 2-17-53 states perjury can be established only upon the information received from Cvetic and only then if certain variances in his information can be reconciled. Accordingly, relet of 2-17-53 requested that he be reinterviewed.

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Criminal Division

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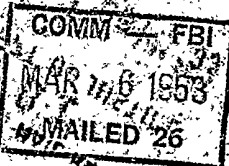
Reference is made to your memorandum dated February 16, 1953, your file 146-1-64-447, WO:KTM.

On February 27, 1953, a reliable source of this Bureau advised that the Allegheny County American Legion Post was to hold a meeting the evening of March 3, 1953, and that if Matt Cuetic appeared at this meeting, a number of Legionnaires were prepared to verbally attack Cuetic's background, personal habits and his association with Pennsylvania Supreme Court Judge Michael Musmanno. Newspaper coverage was to be afforded the meeting and Cuetic would be portrayed in an unfavorable light in the ensuing write-ups.

The above is for your confidential information and confirms the telephone conversation of March 3, 1953, between Mr. F. J. Baumgardner of this Bureau and [REDACTED] of the Department.

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TO : Director, FBI (100-372409)

DATE: February 27, 1953

FROM : SAC, Pittsburgh (67-2584A)

SUBJECT: MATTHEW CVETIC

FORMER PITTSBURGH SECURITY INFORMANT C-113

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Remylet, 12/3/52, captioned as above and mylet, 2/17/53, captioned "Dr. ROY ELLSWORTH HARRIS; SECURITY MATTER - C".

On 2/27/53 [] a confidential source of the Pittsburgh Office, turned over to SA RUSSELL M. GWYNNE a letter dated 2/24/53 which is signed by MATT CVETIC and contains information regarding the ROY HARRIS case, which letter is being forwarded to the Bureau as an enclosure. CVETIC's letter contained as an enclosure a mimeographed copy of an address by CVETIC before the Pennsylvania American Legion Convention which was held in Convention Hall, Philadelphia, Pa., on 8/7/52, a photostatic copy of which speech was forwarded to the Bureau as an enclosure with referenced Pittsburgh letter dated 12/3/52.

On 2/27/53 [] of the Americanism Committee, American Legion, Pittsburgh, telephonically contacted ASAC CARROLL DOYLE, at which time [] confidentially advised that there will be a regular monthly meeting of the Allegheny County American Legion Post on Tuesday evening, 3/3/53, at the Temple, Pittsburgh. [] stated that he has received information to the effect that if MATTHEW CVETIC appears at this meeting a number of Legionnaires are prepared to verbally attack CVETIC's background, his personal habits, and his association with Judge MICHAEL A. MUSMANNO, who is Judge of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania. [] stated that he felt newspaper coverage would be afforded said meeting and that CVETIC would be portrayed in an unfavorable light in any write-ups on the meeting.

[] stated he did not know whether or not the Federal Government intended to use CVETIC as a witness in its case against STEVE NELSON, et al., but that in the event such action was contemplated he felt that the Government's case might be damaged. He stated he felt that if a sufficient amount of derogatory information regarding CVETIC appeared in the local newspapers it would have a tendency to affect any jury which might sit in the federal case against STEVE NELSON, et al.

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To: Director, FBI (100-372409)
Re: MATTHEW CVETIC

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As stated above, [] advised that this information was to be regarded strictly confidential since it was acquired in connection with [] the Americanism Committee of the American Legion at Pittsburgh. In view of the confidential source of this information, it is being furnished to the Bureau; however, the Departmental Attorneys, [] and [] who are assigned to the Pittsburgh Smith Act case, are not being furnished the above information at this time.

Matthew CvetieWILLIAM PENN HOTEL
PITTSBURGH, PA.

24, February, 1953

Dear Legionnaire:

Re: Roy Harris Case

I am taking the liberty of writing to you as a fellow-American who is deeply concerned about our great country and the threat it faces from International Communism working for its destruction.

Last night, I took out of my files a copy of the speech I had the honor of delivering at the American Legion State Convention in Philadelphia on August 7, 1952. I read and re-read it. I was amazed to find, with all that has been said on the Roy Harris issue since that time -- NOT ONE OF THE STATEMENTS CONTAINED IN THAT SPEECH HAVE BEEN DISPROVED!

I am enclosing a copy of that speech. Please read it and compare it with the material I understand, Dr. Anderson, president of the Pennsylvania College for Women, issued in behalf of Roy Harris. And then please ask yourself, why did not Harris answer for himself? After all he is the one involved.

One question I have asked myself over and over is: If Harris is really sincere, why doesn't he repudiate the dedication of his name to the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics? It is no answer to say that he dedicated it to the people of the Soviet Socialist Republics when we were war allies with Russia. The fact is very clear that TODAY Russia is not an ally, but an ENEMY! The fact is very clear that in Korea, American boys are being KILLED AND MUTILATED BY COMMUNIST BULLDOGS! Why should Harris through his name, pay tribute to the ASSASSINS of those American Boys? Harris does not answer that question. If Harris is really sincere, don't you think he would be only too glad to repudiate this dedication to the ASSASSINS of our boys?

It is said that Harris repudiated Wallace in 1948, but that is meaningless because since that time Harris has supported many other communist front activities. As a matter of fact at the very meeting of your Americanism Committee in December, 1952, Harris stated, despite all evidence to the contrary, that the American Communist Party isn't Russia.

At that same meeting Harris further stated that the House Committee on un-American Activities is a witch-hunting committee and should be abolished. Remember this is the committee that exposed Alger Hiss and thousands of communists and their supporters. It is the committee before which I appeared and exposed the communist conspiracy in our own community. It is the committee which in its early stages might have been abolished but for the heroic fight of your own American Legion. If Harris is really sincere, why does he want this committee abolished which exposed the blueprint of the communist plot to destroy your country and mine?

There may be many facets of this case which may not be clear. If so, feel free to write to me or call at the Wm. Penn Hotel where I reside. I will be only too glad to discuss it with you.

Sincerely yours,

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Honorable Warren G. Magnuson
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

My dear Senator:

Your letter dated February 18, 1953, and
the enclosure have been received. Your courtesy in
referring [redacted]'s letter for my attention is
indeed appreciated.

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I am enclosing a copy of a letter I have
forwarded to [redacted] which I trust also might be
of interest to you.

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In accordance with your request, I am return-
ing herewith [redacted]'s letter for the completion
of your files.

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With expressions of my highest esteem and
best regards,

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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The Director

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SYNOPSIS:

This memorandum is to answer your inquiry as to why we are apparently in the position of having the Criminal Division suggest additional investigative steps. This inquiry was made in connection with a letter from the Criminal Division, dated February 17, 1953, setting out a request that Matthew Cvetic be reinterviewed as outlined therein.

The Criminal Division's letter was in connection with an investigation conducted on allegations received on October 13, 1951, that officers of subject organization submitted perjured affidavits as a result of which the Committee on Un-American Activities in May, 1951, deleted the CFU from its list of subversive organizations. In their affidavits the officers denied that Matthew Cvetic and other CP members in 1947 engineered their election. The allegation was made by [redacted] who said his sources were [redacted] and [redacted].

[redacted] and [redacted] Upon interview [redacted] and [redacted] denied having made the statements to [redacted] which he attributed to them.

On an unknown date in October, 1947, Cvetic had informed the Bureau that [redacted], a CP member was in contact with caucuses of the CFU pro-Communist Faction. After [redacted] allegations Cvetic was reinterviewed on September 2, 1952. He enlarged upon his earlier information by saying he, himself, as well as [redacted] and Anthony Hinerich were in contact with several of the CFU officers whose affidavits denied these contacts.

The facts were referred to the Criminal Division at that point on November 24, 1952, since there was sufficient information on which a decision could be reached as to whether there was possible prosecutive value to the case. It was requested that the Bureau be advised as to what additional investigation, if any, was desired. It was felt that the Department could (1) summon the four questioned CP members,

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Quetic, [redacted] Minerich, and Steve Nelson and/or the affiants before a Grand Jury (2) resolve the variances in Quetic's information and therefore determine the desirability of attempting to corroborate his information. The Department was already aware that Quetic's reliability is subject to attack.

In response to the Criminal Division's letter of February 17, 1953, the Bureau by letter dated February 20, 1953, requested confirmation of their request for the reinterview of Quetic since by letter dated February 16, 1953, in the Pittsburgh Smith Act cases the Criminal Division had expressed misgivings about the use of Quetic as a witness because of his unsavory background and general instability.

RECOMMENDATION:

Instructions have been issued to supervisors in this Division that in the future when presenting a case to the Department where it is felt sufficient information has been developed for the Department to determine whether prosecution is warranted, we will ask the Department if any additional investigation is desired rather than what additional investigation is desired. Of course, where a case is of a very delicate nature, we will ask the Department to specify what additional investigation is desired.

DETAILS:

By letter dated February 17, 1953, the Criminal Division set out an outline for questioning Quetic in requesting he be reinterviewed. In connection therewith you inquired as to why the Bureau was apparently in the position of having the Criminal Division suggest additional investigative steps.

The Croatian Fraternal Union (CFU) is a large fraternal insurance organization which was cited as a Communist organization by the Committee on Un-American Activities in its book entitled "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," dated March 3, 1951, based on the Communists gaining control through the election of officers during the CFU Convention in September, 1947, in Pittsburgh. When a revised issue of the book was published under date of May 14, 1951, it reflected that the CFU had been deleted as a Communist organization, the officers having denied in affidavits their membership in, or association with the Communist Party, and that Matthew Gvetic, [redacted] Anthony Hinerich, and Steve Nelson attended convention caucuses to select the candidates who subsequently received Communist support and were elected.

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At the time of the convention Matthew Gvetic was still a Bureau informant and furnished information concerning the presence of himself and several other CP members in Pittsburgh for the purpose of following the proceedings of the convention. Gvetic's information had a bearing on only one of the affidavits subsequently submitted to the Committee in May, 1951, that of CFU officer, [redacted]. In 1947 Gvetic had said [redacted] was one of several Communists who acted as couriers between the Communist Party and caucus meetings of the CFU pro-Communist faction, headed by [redacted] and other CFU figures.

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On October 18, 1951, [redacted] alleged to the Washington Field Office that the affidavits of the CFU officers were perjured. He made the charges on information he claimed he received from [redacted] whose source was [redacted] according to [redacted].

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Interviews were conducted with [redacted] and [redacted] but both denied the statements attributed to them by [redacted].

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In addition to other logical and readily available sources whose interviews were unproductive Gvetic was reinterviewed on September 2, 1952, based on the [redacted] allegations. At this time Gvetic could not recall whether any of the successful candidates attended any of the CP

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strategy meetings. He said, however, he and [redacted] and Anthony Minerich and other Communist Party members acted as go-betweens for Steve Nelson, member of the Communist Party Nationality Commission, and pro-Communist officers of the CPD. He said that during the convention Minerich and [redacted] were in contact with the ultimately successful CPD candidates [redacted] and [redacted] and that he, Guetic, contacted [redacted] and [redacted] (all of whom submitted the affidavits).

It will be seen that Guetic in 1952 enlarged on the information he furnished in 1947.

At this point reports were sent to the Criminal Division on November 24, 1952, with the request that the Bureau be advised of what additional investigation, if any, was desired. It was felt that in the interest of conserving investigative time the Criminal Division had enough facts with which to determine whether there was any possible prosecutive value to the case.

There appeared to be two alternatives for the Criminal Division: (1) Summon before a Grand Jury Guetic, [redacted] Minerich and Nelson and/or the affiants, or (2) Resolve Guetic's discrepancies and thereafter determine the desirability of attempting to corroborate his information.

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In this connection it is to be noted the Department was aware that Guetic's reliability is subject to attack.

Upon receipt of the Criminal Division's letter of February 17, 1953, the Bureau by letter dated February 20, 1953, requested confirmation of their request for the reinterview of Guetic since in an earlier letter of February 16, 1953, in the Pittsburgh Smith Act cases the Criminal Division had expressed misgivings about the use of Guetic as a witness because of his unsavory background and general instability.

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WARREN G. MAGNUSON, U. S. S.

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Dear Senator Magnuson:

This is to see if you can give or get for me some information in regard to a Mr. Matt Cvetic who has been making appearances before the public under the general heading of "My Experiences as an Undercover Agent for the F. B. I." He does not present much factual material about his experiences, but does have a program of action to present in the form of suggestions to people as to what they can do. While many of his suggestions may seem good, they do enter into the realm of foreign policy, and are presented with the authority of a former governmental agent, which has the implication that these policies may be those the government wants to have followed. I am thinking of such items as demanding that our government sever diplomatic relations with Russia and the satellite countries, that we expel Russia from the United Nations, and that we call on Congress to stop giving aid to any countries that do business with China. While there may all be desirable policies, I am not sure they are the ones that our Federal Government is proposing.

I am really interested only in finding out whether this gentleman is authentic in claiming to have been in the service of the Federal Bureau of Investigation as an undercover agent, and whether he is still representing that agency. Any information you can give me will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,


E. J. McNamara,
Superintendent of Schools.

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March 10, 1953

Mr. E. J. McNamara
Superintendent
Longview Public Schools
Twenty-eighth and Lilac
Longview, Washington

Dear Mr. McNamara:

By letter dated February 18, 1953, Senator Warren G. Magnuson referred for my attention your letter to him of February 13, 1953.

In response to your inquiry, Mr. Matt Cuetic assisted this Bureau as an informant from February, 1943, until January, 1950, and he was compensated for information furnished by him during that time. Inasmuch as Mr. Cuetic no longer furnishes confidential information to this Bureau, I am sure you can understand and will agree that the FBI cannot be held responsible for any statements made by him since January, 1950. Likewise, this Bureau does not exercise any degree of control over his current activities.

I trust this information will be of assistance to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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John Edgar Hoover

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cc - Seattle (with copy of McNamara's letter to Senator Magnuson.)

cc - Senator Magnuson by separate cover letter

NOTE: Per Informant Desk, Cuetic EOD 2/26/49 and discontinued 1/23/50 according to Pittsburgh letter of 1/25/50.

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UNITED STATES V. [REDACTED] ET AL.
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Reference is made to my memorandum dated March 4, 1953, which set out certain information regarding Matthew Cvetic, a former confidential informant of this Bureau.

On March 4, 1953, a reliable source advised that the American Legion meeting mentioned in referenced memorandum was held in Pittsburgh on the night of March 3, 1953. At this meeting Pennsylvania Supreme Court Justice Michael A. Musmanno reversed the stand he had previously taken with regard to the loyalty of Roy E. Harris, a Pittsburgh composer. The Harris case caused the original conflict between the Americanism Committee of the American Legion and Cvetic.

Justice Musmanno advised the Legion delegates that he was satisfied with the outcome of the case, since Harris had announced his willingness to appear before the House Committee on Un-American Activities at Washington, D. C., in order to clear his name of all allegations of disloyalty.

The Pittsburgh Office of this Bureau was confidentially advised that Cvetic had directed the following telegram to the Americanism Committee of the American Legion at Pittsburgh:

"I will welcome an opportunity to appear under oath in the Roy Harris case before the House Committee on Un-American Activities. For the past three years I have testified under oath many times before this same Committee. Also during the past three years I have been a Government witness at numerous trials regarding subversive activities. All my testimony at these hearings and trials under oath, and the evidence I presented have been upheld."

/signed/

Matt Cvetic, Former FBI
Undercover Agent in the
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The same reliable source who has been furnishing information concerning the conflict between Cvetic and the American Legion in Pittsburgh has also advised that on March 2, 1953, he received an anonymous telephone call from an individual whose conversation led the informant to believe that he was familiar with the international workings of the Communist Party. This unknown individual advised our source that he was familiar with Cvetic's personal life and that in the event Cvetic testifies against Harris before the House Committee on Un-American Activities, he would also appear before this committee in order to testify against Cvetic. This unknown individual also stated that there are several other individuals, well acquainted with Cvetic's personal life and with his frequent immoral escapades, who would also offer testimony before the House Committee on Un-American Activities in order to completely discredit Cvetic's testimony.

According to the source who furnished the above information, there are many loyal American citizens in the Pittsburgh area who are very much opposed to the tactics presently being used by Cvetic and that many of these individuals consider Cvetic as nothing more than a publicity seeking "shake-down" artist. This source was of the opinion that if Cvetic is discredited before the House Committee on Un-American Activities in connection with the Harris case, this action would be very prejudicial to the current Smith Act trial should Cvetic be used as a witness by the Government in this trial.

The above is furnished for your confidential information.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-372409)

DATE: March 5, 1953

FROM : SAC, Pittsburgh (67-2584A)

SUBJECT: MATTHEW CVETIC
FORMER PITTSBURGH SECURITY INFORMANT
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On March 4, 1953, Mr. JOHN H. SHENKEL, Chairman of the Americanism Committee, American Legion, Pittsburgh, Pa., advised SA WILLIAM C. HENDRICKS, Jr., that during a monthly meeting of American Legion delegates of the Sto-Rox Post 618, which was held at Memorial Hall, Pittsburgh, Pa., on March 3, 1953, Pennsylvania Supreme Court Justice MICHAEL A. MUSMANNNO reversed the stand he had previously taken with regard to the loyalty of ROY E. HARRIS, composer, Pennsylvania College For Women, Pittsburgh, Pa., since he (MUSMANNNO) was aware that 92 out of 112 Allegheny County American Legion Posts voted unanimously to support the resolution of the Legion Americanism Committee, which upheld HARRIS in view of the lack of evidence of disloyalty on his part. Mr. SHENKEL stated that Justice MUSMANNNO told the legion delegates that he was satisfied with the outcome of the case, since HARRIS had announced that he was willing to appear before the House Committee on Un-American Activities at Washington, D. C., in order to clear his name of all allegations of disloyalty.

In connection with HARRIS' appearance before the HCUA, Mr. SHENKEL displayed a telegram dated 5:18 a.m., March 3, 1953, which he had received from MATTHEW CVETIC on that date. This telegram reads as follows:

"I will welcome an opportunity to appear under oath in the ROY HARRIS case before the House Committee on Un-American Activities. For the past three years

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FROM: SAC, Pittsburgh (67-2584A)

I have testified under oath many times before this same Committee. Also during the past three years I have been a Government witness at numerous trials regarding subversive activities. All my testimony at these hearings and trials under oath, and the evidence I presented have been upheld."

/Signed/

"MATT CVETIC, Former FBI
Undercover Agent in the
Communist Party"

Mr. SHENKEL stated that on Monday, March 2, 1953, he received an anonymous phone call from an unidentified man, whose conversation led SHENKEL to believe that this individual was familiar with the international workings of the Communist Party. This man told SHENKEL that he was familiar with CVETIC's personal life, and that he knew that CVETIC had been a full-fledged Communist Party member before the FBI "put the finger on him." According to SHENKEL, the unidentified man stated that in the event that CVETIC testifies against HARRIS before the HCUA, he would also appear before that Committee in order to testify against CVETIC. This man further stated that several other individuals, who are well-acquainted with CVETIC's personal life and with his frequent immoral escapades, would also offer testimony before the HCUA in order to completely discredit CVETIC's testimony.

Mr. SHENKEL said that he thought the above information should be considered by the FBI in the event CVETIC is used as a witness in the forthcoming Smith Act trial of STEVE NELSON, ETAL, at Pittsburgh, Pa., is contemplated. He stated that many loyal American citizens in the Pittsburgh, Pa., area, are very much opposed to the tactics presently being used by MATTHEW CVETIC, and that many of these individuals consider CVETIC nothing more than a publicity seeking "shake-down" artist.

SHENKEL was of the opinion that if CVETIC is discredited before the HCUA in regard to his testimony in the HARRIS case, and in the event he is later used as a Government witness at Pittsburgh, Pa., such action will be very prejudicial to the Government's Smith Act prosecution.

TO : Director, FBI (100-372409)
FROM: SAC, Pittsburgh (67-2584A)

United States Attorney and Departmental Attorneys,
at Pittsburgh, Pa., have not been furnished with the above
information.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-372409)

DATE: March 10, 1953

FROM : SAC, PITTSBURGH (67-2584A)

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By letter dated March 9, 1953, MATTHEW CVETIC, former Security Informant C-113, forwarded to the Pittsburgh Office a document captioned, "Speech by Matt Cvetic, Former FBI Undercover Agent, prepared for Radio Broadcast Tuesday Evening, February 17, 1953, 7:30 PM," which speech concerned Dr. ROY E. HARRIS, Professor at Pennsylvania College for Women.

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On March 10, 1953, MATTHEW CVETIC orally advised SA [redacted] that he had been scheduled to deliver the above-mentioned speech on Radio Station WMCK, McKeesport, Pa., but that he did not deliver same since Radio Station WMCK, McKeesport, had received a telephone call two hours before the speech was to have been delivered during which the caller informed station officials that if HARRIS' name was mentioned as being "Un-American" over the radio that the station would be sued for libel. CVETIC stated that consequently he did not deliver said speech since he did not want to cause the radio station any further concern in this regard.

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CVETIC stated, however, that although he did not deliver the speech over the radio he sent out 300 copies of said speech through the mail on March 2, 1953, to the various delegates to the Allegheny Council of the American Legion.

CVETIC stated that he had never accused ROY HARRIS of being a "Communist" publicly or anywhere else; that he had merely cited Congressional Records, articles appearing in the "New York Times" and an article by NICHOLAS SLONIMSKY, which article HARRIS helped SLONIMSKY prepare in 1947.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, PITTSBURGH
RE: MATTHEW CVETIC
Former CNDI C-113

CVETIC stated that he was of the opinion that a man like HARRIS lends "respectability" to the Communist Party and further that a man like HARRIS serves the Communist Party better than a "card-carrying member."

CVETIC stated that he did not like to be called an "informer" as he was called in a recent editorial which appeared in the Pittsburgh "Post Gazette" and that he strongly objected to the "unfair" publicity which he had received in connection with his involvement in the Harris Case.

CVETIC stated that his enemies have accused him of having made a million dollars from his magazine article and movie, "I Was a Communist for the FBI", which accusations are "not true". CVETIC stated that he is "just about even financially" right now; that he has to work for a living; and that if he received his refund check from the Government, which check is due him from payment of his income tax, that he would be able to pay his outstanding obligations.

CVETIC stated that he had a "Confidential Report" in his possession which contained information regarding HARRIS' activities in the early 1930's; that he was making copies of said report available to about five persons on the (American Legion) "Committee" which was handling the HARRIS matter; and that he would furnish a copy of said report to the Pittsburgh Office if same was desired. CVETIC stated at this time that he did not care to disclose the source who prepared the Confidential Report but would disclose the source if it became necessary.

On March 10, 1953, a copy of the "Confidential Report", dated March 9, 1953, regarding ROY HARRIS, was received in the mail at the Pittsburgh Office.

Photostatic copies of the two above-mentioned documents are being furnished to the Bureau as enclosures with this letter as a matter of information. The original copies received by this office are being placed in the exhibit section of CVETIC'S file in this office.

The U.S. Attorney and Departmental Attorneys at Pittsburgh have not been furnished with the above information.

LETTER BY ROY HARRIS, PITTSBURGH, PA., TO THE
PITTSBURGH POST-GAZETTE, APRIL 1, 1967.
PITTSBURGH, PA., APRIL 1, 1967.

Good Evening, Ladies and Gentlemen:

I have just returned from the airport.

Tonight I am here to tell you something new on the Roy Harris issue about which I have spoken many times during the past several months.

For the last time I am going to tell you the story of the American Legion in Pittsburgh. I mentioned that the American Legion in Pittsburgh was belonging to some extreme Communist Party members. In August 1962, before the Optimist Club of Pittsburgh I discussed at length the Communist front record of a Nicholas Slonimsky of Detroit, Michigan, who is a close friend of Roy Harris who is presently working in residence at the Pennsylvania College for the Blind.

Since that time Harris admitted he came to another Communist organized group that works for the attainment of the Communist Party of America Activities.

You will recall that sometime in August 1962 that Roy Harris in 1941, in celebration of the 20th anniversary of the Russian Red Army dedicated the Fifth Symphony for the people of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics. And then you will recall that Justice Brennan and others asked Roy Harris to repudiate this dedication but Harris refused.

All this time Harris has endeavored to convey the impression that he made this dedication only because Russia at the time was a very ally of the United States.

Tonight I'm going to show you, by his biography, that Harris made this dedication to the people of the Soviet Union because he himself was deeply involved in Communist theories.

You, of course, know who Karl Marx was. Marx was the founder of the Social Communist Revolutionary movement.

Marxism is Communism; Communism is Russian Socialism, and Russian Socialism is directed against all non-Communist governments including the government of our own United States.

Now let me read to you from an article by Nicholas Slonimsky in the NATIONAL GUARDIAN of January, 1947, published by G. D. S. Inc., in New York. Let me first tell you something about Nicholas Slonimsky. Nicholas Slonimsky, who was born in St. Petersburg, Russia, is a close personal friend of Roy Harris. Harris says he has known Slonimsky for more than 20 years. Harris admits selecting this close personal friend, Slonimsky, to aid him in making up the program of the Pittsburgh Music Festival. Slonimsky, like Harris, has a Communist front record and in addition is listed as a member of a Communist school in Russia. Slonimsky wrote for the Communist periodical, THE VOICE.

In this article in the MUSICAL QUARTERLY of January, 1947, which I hold in my hand, Nicholas Slonimsky, in writing of his friend Roy Harris says:

"The period of postwar reconstruction stimulated his (Harris') interest in economics and social sciences. At one time he (Harris) became deeply involved in Marxist theories, which became fashionable after the Russian Revolution.

"This early interest in Russian socialism found its expression and confirmation in the fateful days of the Russian struggle against the invaders at Stalingrad, toward the end of 1942. Roy Harris then dedicated the score of his Fifth Symphony to the heroic and freedom-loving people of our great Ally, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, as a tribute to their strength in war, their staunch idealism for world peace, their ability to cope with stark materialistic problems of world order without losing a passionate belief in the fundamental importance of the arts."

"Russian musicians reciprocated these sentiments. The Fifth Symphony was given several performances in Moscow." (end of quote)

You will thus see that Roy Harris has been closer to Marxist (Communist) theories than he cares to admit.

Let me read again what his friend and biographer Slonimsky says:

"At one time he (Harris) became deeply involved in Marxist theories which became fashionable after the Russian Revolution."

When was Russian Socialism ever fashionable in the United States?

In all the time that the Harris controversy has raged, Harris never told the people of Pittsburgh that he had been deeply involved in Marxist theories. In all this time, Harris never told you of his early interest in Russian Socialism.

A critic might arise as to why I have withheld this important and vital information until now. I'll tell you why I delayed talking about it. In all fairness I waited to give Mr. Harris a chance to tell the people himself about his early involvement with Marxism and explain it. He never has.

Nor has he ever told you about an article he wrote for the New York Times of August 29, 1937 in which he speaks of the "organic decline" of music in the "boarded halls of capitalism". In this same article, prepared in the form of a letter, Mr. Harris makes a comparison in which he says: "Capitalistic expansion temporarily eclipsed the social ideas of democracy".

Those who offer excuses for Roy Harris say he was involved in Communist front organizations only during World War II, but his bosom-friend Nicholas Slonimsky tells of Harris' involvement in the Marxist Theories after the Russian Revolution. Mark you, this was more than twenty years before World War II.

House Report No. 1-9-5-4 tells of Harris' affiliation with communist fronts as far back as 1937. This report lists Harris as being associated with eight Communist-front organizations. Notorious among these was the infamous Moscow-directed Hate-America "World Peace Conference" held in New York in 1949 which occurred FOUR YEARS AFTER WORLD WAR II.

Why didn't Harris repudiate the generosity of this late-war effort in 1940-42 or '51 or '52?

Harris also co-sponsored Walter D. Wey, after World War II a convert to raise funds for Hans Kiesel. This was done after Kiesel was expelled by the House Committee on Un-American Activities as a member of an "International Communist spy ring." This pro-Kiesel spy campaign by Harris is well documented in "The American of February 16, 1948 and the Communist Party's answer of February 17, 1948. Harris' support helped to raise \$1800.00 for the "International spy."

And records show that after the war Harris, three years after the end of World War II, was a member of a group which petitioned the President of the United States for clemency for members of the Communist Party. Harris' Petition Committee, who were convicted of conspiracy, were asked for help by the records of their petition before the House Committee on Un-American Activities which was investigating the Communist conspiracy against the United States. Among the convicted members of this Communist front organization were Norman Thomas, Edward West, and Harry Gold, whom I named later as a member of the Communist Party.

Even later Harris refused to resign. When he appeared before the American Committee of the American Legion in December 1942, Harris said that the Communist Party in the United States is not Russia. This was what, according to his friend Slonimsky, was deeply involved in Marxist theory after the Russian Revolution. Harris help but knew that the Communist Party in the United States is indeed a part of the Russian conspiracy against the government of the United States as the Russian Politburo itself.

I have pointed out time and again that intellectuals, the persons in respectable positions who support Communist front groups often do more harm than good to the Communists because they give respectability to subversive movements. And there is no doubt that many who support the Communist movement have been influenced by people in respectable positions who say they are not Communists but who defend Communists and Communism.

I bring this to the attention of the people of Pittsburgh because I am deeply concerned about the security of my country. It is my concern that someone who is an FBI undercover agent is the Communist Party to give up nine years of my life as a secret agent aimed at the destruction of my country.

I learned that Communists and their supporters above all else feared exposure of their activities by such Committees as the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

It was this Committee that exposed Alger Hiss and thousands of Communists and pro-Communist adherents. It was this Committee that gave the American people a real blueprint into the subversive methods used by the Communist and their supporters in what has become known as the Communist Front.

When Harris appeared before the American Committee of the American Legion in December 1942 he said that he was for the abolishment of the House Committee on Un-American Activities because its chairman Mr. Thomas was indicted. Mr. John F. Rigney, Secretary of the Americanism Committee, said to Harris at this point: "Don't take us for fools" and pointed out that Harris was opposed to the House Committee long before Mr. Thomas was indicted. Harris then admitted that this was true.

When I spoke before the American Legion in Philadelphia on August 15, 1954, I said that the numerous listings of Harris' name by a congressional committee among the Communist-front organizations cast a Red shadow of death on his whole case. I said that Dr. Harris owed an explanation to the students at the Pennsylvania College for Women and to their parents. I said he owed an explanation to the people of Pittsburgh. We have waited for that explanation from Dr. Harris. It never came. All we got was a nineteen page statement from someone else, full of excuses and misstatements.

The other evening I met a G.I. who had just returned from Korea. He had two fingers missing on his right hand. He asked me if I would see him the next day and help him write a letter to the mother of a former buddy in Korea so he could tell her how her son died on the battlefield.

Many Americans, even today, do not realize that some of our boys are dying on the battlefield in Korea because of Marxist (Communist) theories which have as their ultimate aim the ruthless destruction of our own beloved United States. The freedom for which our boys have died in Korea and for which his mother now grieves.

~~CONFIDENTIAL REPORT~~

March 9, 1953

SUBJECT: Roy E. Harris, Composer (Communist Front Activities)

1. Roy Harris was the signer of a letter denouncing the House Committee on Un-American Activities. The letter was sponsored by the Communist-front the National Institute of Arts and Letters.

(The above information appeared in the "Peoples Daily World," the West Coast edition of the "Daily Worker", on February 27, 1948 - or see the 1948 California State Senate Report on Un-American Activities, page 130.)

2. Roy Harris participated in a meeting sponsored by the Communist-front, the Arts, Sciences and Professions Council of the Progressive Citizens of America, which met in the Beverly Hills Hotel in Beverly Hills, California, July 9 to 13, 1947, "for the purpose of launching a nation-wide campaign against "thought control", the current party line attacking committees investigating subversive activities."

(See 1948 California State Senate Report on Un-American Activities, page 157.)

3. Roy Harris's, "Concerto For String Quartet, Piano and Clarinet", was scheduled to be played at the New School for Social Research in New York City. (See New York Times, June 18, 1933, part 10, page 5, column 2)

The New York Times of March 12, 1934, page 21, column 8, lists Roy Harris as conducting a concert of Medieval music at the New School for Social Research. The March 26 issue, page 18, col. 3, lists Roy Harris as conducting a second concert there - with a third one scheduled for April 15.

Now then - although the New School for Social Research has never been cited as Communist itself - various other aspects connected with it have.

For example:

(a) "In the spring of 1933, the Arrangements Committee for the United States Congress Against War was organized at a meeting held in the New School for Social Research in New York City." (Report 1311, House Committee on Un-American Activities, dated March 27, 1941) In this same report the United States Congress Against War was cited as being "completely under the control of the Communist Party".

(b) Harve Sieler was associated with the New School for Social Research from October 5, 1935, until May -1, 1942. An investigation made by Leslie F. Spill, Investigator for the House Committee on Un-American Activities, showed that the New School for Social Research used its influence to get Harve Sieler a Rockefeller Foundation grant in the amount of \$20,000. Investigation also plainly showed that misrepresentations were made in the school's statements for the sole purpose of enabling Harve Sieler to get around the law and remain in the United States.

(c) Mr. Spill, testifying before the House Committee on Un-American Activities, September 22, 1947, stated with regard to the stories are surrounding the New School for Social Research - "I can't say that the school itself has put out any Communist propaganda - BUT I CAN SAY THAT THE MEMBERS OF THE FACULTY OF THE NEW SCHOOL FOR SOCIAL RESEARCH HAVE BEEN ORGANOZED AGAINST OUR COUNTRY, AND THAT A CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF THEIR WORK PROGRAMS DISPLAYED IN OUR FILES" (page 50)

Thus, from the above you can see the surroundings Ray Harris was associated with when he conducted concerts at the New School for Social Research - and that his works, and himself, seemed to have a special niche there. Since Harve Sieler was also there, it might explain how Ray Harris came about being a sponsor of the Harve Sieler concert. Since Sieler was a professor of music at the New School it is obvious that Ray Harris knew him.

The New York Times of October 20, 1935, part 10, page 7, column 2, stated that

The works of Ray Harris would be featured in a school series of the School for Social Research concerts. The New York Times of October 26, 1935, page 13, column 1, stated Ray Harris' "Concerto For String Quartet, Flute and Clarinet" was played at the New School concert, and that his "Song For Comrades" was sung by the Yonkers choir under the direction of ARTHUR FINLAY WILSON at the same concert. I think if you check the records, you'll see that John T. Williamson has also been cited for Communist-front activities.

4. The New York Times of January 31, 1938, part 12, page 7, col. 1, lists Ray Harris as a member of the Federal Arts Committee, and a leading proponent of the Coffey Bill in Congress for the establishment of a Bureau of Fine Arts in the U. S. Government - the bill being sponsored by Congressman (John H.) Coffey. (The 1938 California Report, page 351, lists Congressman Coffey as a "party liner") I think you will also find that the Communists at the time were planning for the establishment of a "Bureau of Fine Arts".

5. The New York Times of May 5, 1939, page 26, column 2, lists a debate on the topic of a "Federal Government Art Subsidy", sponsored by the Municipal Art Society of New York City. Those on the panel who argued FOR such a subsidy were Ray Harris, Robert D. Spivack, and Harrie Watson of the American Newspaper Guild. Spivack and Watson, you will find, have long records of Communist-front affiliations. Others on the panel were Harvey Wiley Corbett - he also has been cited. One of the judges of the debate was ARTHUR HENRY BROWN, whom Louis Budenz recently named as a concealed member of the Communist Party - also he has a long record of Communist activity.

6. The New York Times of May 8, 1939, page 20, column 1, lists a concert in New York City sponsored by the Composers Forum Laboratory - featuring the Federal Symphony Orchestra of New York City. According to the article, the

Three most important selections on the program were:

- (1) Loy Harris' Second Symphony;
- (2) A prologue by William Mahood, featuring his choral setting of a poem by GERALD DUNN (who has a long record of communist affiliations);
- (3) Aaron Copland's "Outdoor Toccata" (Copland's communist affiliations are well known).

(With the above as the main features of the program there is no question as to the pro-communist atmosphere that surrounded the nature of the concert).

7. The New York Times of May 4, 1943, page 13, column 1, states that Loy Harris' "Fifth Piano Symphony" received a \$500 prize from the National Committee for Soviet Appreciation, of Washington, D. C. (I think if you check this organization you will find that it was a communist-front).

8. The New York Times of February 27, 1943, page 11, column 1, states: Headline - "CONCERT BY HARRIS AT BOSTON PREMIERE"

Sub-head - "WORK, DEDICATED TO RUSSIA, IS PLAYED BY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA"

According to the Times' article the program featured American and Russian music played by the Boston Symphony Orchestra under Serge Koussevitzky (cited for his communist-front record).

The article went on to state:

"Unique ceremonies, which paid tribute to the 25th anniversary of the founding of the Red Army and Red Fleet....featured the world premiere of an American symphony dedicated to the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.... the 'Fifth Symphony' (by Loy Harris) occupied a prominent place on a program designed by Serge Koussevitzky, Russian born conductor...the composition (Harris' Fifth Symphony) came to Symphony Hall's (Boston) concert platform after an EXTENSIVE exchange of messages between Mr. (Loy) Harris, Miss Natalia Goussarsky, and the U.S.S.R. Society for Cultural Relations with Foreign Countries."

Page 107 of the 1943 California Report states -

"Mrs. [REDACTED] is in her book, 'I Change Heries', tells how she organized the Society for Cultural Relations with Foreign Countries and wrote the first program" ... F.I.R. is the abbreviated name of the organization. I think you will find that it was also a part of the Committee. It is safe to assume that Harris knew very well who he was corresponding with.

The article further mentioned that the concert (and the 5th Symphony) would be short-circuited to Harris as the audience would hear it.

The article described Mr. Harris as dedicating the 5th Symphony "to the heroic and freedom loving people of our great ally, the Union Soviet Socialist Republics."

9. The New York Times of March 12, 1943, page 12, column 4, lists the playing of Ray Harris' Fifth Symphony in New York City for the first time by the Boston Symphony. The article lists Ray Harris as saying, with regard to the dedication of the Fifth Symphony ... (dedicated by the composer): "to the heroic and freedom loving people of our great ally, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, as a tribute to their strength in war, their staunch idealism for world peace, their ability to cope with stark materialistic problems of world order without losing a passionate belief in the fundamental importance of the arts."

Harris was further quoted as saying the Fifth Symphony expressed the "heroic strength, determination, the will to struggle and faith in our destiny".

10. The New York Times of January 31, 1943, part 2, page 5, column 6, states: "The C.B.T. reviewed the recent performance of Ray Harris' Fifth Symphony".

which was given by the New York Philharmonic Symphony under the direction of Minerz Nikropoulos (cited) ... the score is also being micro-filmed by the C.W.I. to be sent to England and the Soviet Union ... the score designed for Russia will have the English text translated into Russian by Nicholas Glonitsky (cited). (Now check back to item No. 1 on page 11 and you will see that this is the symphony that won him the \$500 prize).

Now, observe in the following that the Fifth Symphony isn't the only one Roy Harris has dedicated to the Soviet Union -

11. The New York Times of November 17, 1944, page 8, column 1, states that Roy Harris conducted the orchestra at a big National Council of American-Soviet Friendship rally in New York City the day before.

The article went on to state that Roy Harris conducted the orchestra in the World Premiere performance of his (Harris') "Ode To Friendship",... which he(Harris) "dedicated to the sympathetic understanding, trust and friendship between the peoples of the United States and the Soviet Union." (The 1945 California Report, page 327, states that the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship "is a direct agent of the Soviet Union, engaged in traitorous activities under the orders of Stalin's consular service in the United States".)

12. The New York Times of June 23, 1945, page 10, column 1, states that a panel discussion was held in New York City the day before on "Theatre and Music in the Post-War World". The affair, according to the Times, was sponsored by the (Communist-Front) Independent Citizens Committee of the Arts, Sciences and Professions.

Participants included ... DR. ROY HARRIS.

To properly evaluate the atmosphere of the occasion, the article went on to mention that the chairman of the panel group was Lillian Hellman .. and included such other noted party-liners as Margaret Webster, Joseph E. Brodsky, Marion Gough,

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SYNOPSIS

This memorandum is in answer to the Director's request that the Training and Inspection Division review this case to see whether we should have anticipated the request of the Department to reinterview Matthew Cvetic as contained in the Department's memorandum dated 2-17-53.

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Exhaustive investigation was conducted concerning an allegation made by [] that the officers of the above organization committed perjury when they denied in affidavits to the House Committee on un-American Activities that they were Communists and that the Communist Party engineered their election in 1947. This exhaustive investigation was unproductive except for information furnished by Cvetic on 9-3-52 to the Bureau, which, however, was an enlargement on data he furnished the Bureau in October, 1947 and the House Committee on un-American Activities in February, 1950.

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Supervisor [] who handled the case knew of the reluctance of the Department to use Cvetic as a witness in other cases. Supervisor [] considered the matter of reinterviewing Cvetic, but he believed it desirable to refer this case to the Criminal Division of the Department to determine if they would prosecute, since Cvetic would be the key witness, or whether they would consider presenting the case to the Grand Jury and subpoenaing the officers of the organization to give testimony.

This case was referred to the Criminal Division on 11-24-52. On 2-17-53 the Criminal Division requested Cvetic be interviewed. The memorandum from the Criminal Division contained an analysis and summary of the case similar to that which might be prepared by an attorney when evaluating the case to determine if prosecution would be warranted. It further reflected that the Department gave consideration to summoning the interested parties to appear before a Grand Jury. The Supervisor's action appeared to be proper in this case.

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RECOMMENDATION:

No action.

DETAILS:

This memorandum is in answer to the Director's request that the Training and Inspection Division review this case to see whether we should have anticipated the request made by the Department in its memorandum dated 2-17-51, to the effect that Matthew Cvetic be reinterviewed.

In October, 1947, Cvetic, a former informant of the Pittsburgh office, advised that at the CPU Convention in September, 1947, Communist Party members engineered the election of a pro-Communist slate of candidates. In February, 1950, Cvetic testified before the House Committee on un-American Activities in regard to this and other matters. The publication of that Committee, dated 3-3-51, cites the organization as being a Communist organization based on the Communists' gaining control through the election of officers in 1947. In the publication of the Committee dated 5-14-51, CPU was deleted as a Communist organization, and the officers of that organization filed affidavits with the Committee denying the testimony of Cvetic, and present Communist Party membership, and in some instances past Communist Party membership.

On 10-13-51, [redacted] a former Communist, and who has a history of being somewhat of a trouble maker, especially concerning CPU, alleged to the Washington field office that the affidavits were perjured. He had no personal knowledge of this, but stated that his information came from [redacted] whose source was [redacted]

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Pittsburgh contacted available sources to verify [redacted] allegations but none could be obtained. [redacted] and [redacted] were interviewed and denied that the statements attributed to them were true. They suggested persons to be interviewed, which was done. Extensive investigation was conducted to support [redacted] allegations, but none could be obtained. As a further investigative step, Cvetic was interviewed on 9-2-52. He enlarged on the information furnished in 1947 to the Bureau and on that given to the House Committee on un-American Activities in 1950. This was a very detailed interview.

Supervisor [redacted] handled this case in the Bureau. After receiving the reports concerning the above investigation, he stated that he was of the opinion that the only possible additional investigation which could have been conducted was to again interview Cvetic to see if any corroborative matter might be obtained. He stated that information had come to his attention that the Department was reluctant to use Cvetic as a witness in other cases, and that since the only witness found to support a perjury charge was Cvetic, it appeared desirable to present the case to the Department to determine if they believed it warranted prosecutive action. The steps open to the Department were: (1) Present the case to the Grand Jury and call the officers as witnesses, (2) Interview Cvetic in another attempt to get information to corroborate the data furnished, but this would be desirable only if the Department would consider using him as a witness, or, (3) Decline prosecution.

On 11-24-52, a memorandum was sent to the Criminal Division requesting them to advise what additional investigation, if any, was desired in connection with the perjury matter. On 2-17-53, the Criminal Division by memorandum requested a reinterview of Cvetic, and also mentioned the possibility of taking the case to the Grand Jury and calling the officers as witnesses. This memorandum was rather long and contained a summary and evaluation of the case similar to that which might be prepared by an attorney in determining whether prosecution was warranted. The only investigative step suggested was the reinterview of Cvetic.

CONCLUSIONS:

Supervisor [redacted] did anticipate that the Department might request a reinterview of Cvetic. However, it appeared logical for him to determine whether the Department would consider prosecution where Cvetic was the principal witness and Cvetic's credibility was open to serious attack. Supervisor [redacted] actions appear to be proper in sending this memorandum to the Department.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-372409)
 FROM : SAC, Pittsburgh (67-2584A)
 SUBJECT: MATTHEW CVETIC
 Former Pittsburgh
 Security Informant C-113

DATE: March 20, 1953

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On March 10, 1953, Mr. JOHN H. SHENKEL, Chairman of the Americanism Committee, American Legion, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, telephonically contacted this office and stated that he may be able to furnish information concerning the possible testimony of MATTHEW CVETIC in the event CVETIC appears before the House Committee on Un-American Activities in Washington, DC., in connection with the loyalty of Dr. ROY ELLSWORTH HARRIS.

On March 12, 1953, Mr. SHENKEL advised SA WILLIAM C. HENDRICKS, Jr. that the following exhibits had been introduced by MATTHEW CVETIC and Pennsylvania Supreme Court Justice MICHAEL A. MUSMANNO before the American Legion Americanism Committee at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania:

Exhibit A - A nine-page mimeographed document captioned "From: Philip Bucci Associates For: American Legion PE 5-8592. Note pages on ROY E. HARRIS, Composer and Educator, for: Immediate release August 7, 1952, and address by MATTHEW CVETIC, former FBI undercover agent in the Communist Party, delivered before the Pennsylvania American Legion convention in Philadelphia on August 7, 1952, at Convention Hall, 1:30 P.M."

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Exhibit B - Copy of the publication entitled "Review of the Scientific and Cultural Conference for World Peace," arranged by the National Council of the Arts, Sciences, and Professions, and held in New York City on March 25, 26, and 27, 1949. The above-mentioned pamphlet was dated April 19, 1949, and was prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, U. S. House of Representatives, Washington, D. C.

It is noted that Exhibit B, on Page 58, lists Dr. ROY E. HARRIS as a sponsor of the Scientific and Cultural Conference for World Peace, as given out by the National Council of the Arts, Sciences, and Professions, sponsor of the Conference.

Exhibit C - Pamphlet entitled "Report on the Communist 'Peace' Offensive, a Campaign to Disarm and Defeat the United States." Instant pamphlet was also prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, U. S. House of Representatives, Washington, DC, and was dated April 1, 1951.

It is noted that Exhibit C, on Page 105, lists Dr. ROY E. HARRIS as a sponsor of the Scientific and Cultural Conference for World Peace, March 25, 26, and 27, 1949, New York City, as given out by the National Council of the Arts, Sciences, and Professions, sponsor of the Conference.

Exhibit D - Photostatic copy of an article appearing in the March 20, 1949, edition of the "New York Times." This article revealed that the American Legion, through its National Commander, PERRY BROWN, criticized the U. S. Department of State for allowing citizens of Russia and various Iron Curtain countries to enter the United States in order to attend the World Peace Conference "which ROY HARRIS co-sponsored."

Exhibit E - Photostatic copy of the March 16, 1949, issue of the "New York Times," which carried a speech by PERRY BROWN, American Legion National Commander, who protested the entry of DIMITRI SHOSTOKOVICH into the United States.

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Exhibit F - Photostatic copy of the March 26, 1949, issue of the "New York Times," which carried a photograph on Page 1 of disabled U. S. Army veterans protesting the meeting of the World Peace Conference.

Exhibit G - Certification executed by Supreme Court Justice MICHAEL A. MUSMANNO to the effect that he had taken shorthand notes during the course of the testimony of Dr. ROY E. HARRIS before the Americanism Committee of the American Legion at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and that Dr. HARRIS had made the following statements during the course of his testimony: "It is unfair to condemn the Communist Party in the United States. The Communist Party in the United States is not Russia. Furthermore, our own government still has the Russian Embassy at Washington."

Exhibit H - A printed program for five concerts of chamber music given at the Carnegie Music Hall, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and presented by the Pennsylvania College for Women with the cooperation of the Pittsburgh Symphony and the Pittsburgh Musical Society. With reference to February 7, 1953, instant program reveals that JOHANA HARRIS, wife of Dr. ROY E. HARRIS, would appear as soloist with the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra, ROY HARRIS conducting. Instant program also revealed that Dr. HARRIS and his wife were scheduled to broadcast for periods of from 20 to 30 minutes, from January 11 until March 24, 1953, such broadcasts to be carried on a coast-to-coast basis and also to be transmitted to Europe by the National Association of Educational Broadcasters and the Voice of America.

Exhibit I - Letter to Justice MICHAEL A. MUSMANNO from ALFRED H. MORTON, Director, Voice of America, dated January 19, 1953. Instant letter pointed out that Dr. ROY E. HARRIS is not associated with the Voice of America and that broadcasts of his music to Europe are not contemplated by the Voice of America.

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Re: MATTHEW CVETIC

Mr. SHENKEL stated that he believed the FBI should be cognizant of the above-mentioned exhibits in the event MATTHEW CVETIC appeared before the House Committee on Un-American Activities in connection with the HARRIS case since he was of the opinion that CVETIC may use similar material to that described above in the event he testifies against HARRIS at Washington, DC.

U. S. Attorney and Departmental Attorneys at Pittsburgh have not been furnished with the above-mentioned information.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Nichols

DATE: March 3, 1953

FROM : M. A. JonesSUBJECT: LETTERS CONCERNING MATT CVETIC-
AND OTHER DISCONTINUED INFORMANTS

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On the attached routing slip the Director inquired, "Just why do we prepare such evasive replies?" in referring to a letter prepared under date of February 24, 1953, to Mr. E. J. McNamara of Longview, Washington, in response to his question concerning Matt Cvetic.

Since July of 1950, replies to letters concerning Cvetic have indicated that he "served" or "acted" as a confidential informant of the Bureau and never was an FBI Agent. We did not indicate the date he was discontinued. We have been particular over the months not to mention "employee" or "employment" in referring to Cvetic since it was felt such might be interpreted by the recipients of the letters to mean that Cvetic's connections with the Bureau were closer than they really were.

In the future all letters of this type dealing with Cvetic or other discontinued informants will indicate:

1. The person was employed by the FBI as an informant and not as a Special Agent;

2. The exact date when the services were discontinued will be set forth, as well as the date on which services began.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : A. H. BELMONT
 FROM : F. J. BAUMGARDNER

DATE: March 4, 1953

SUBJECT: MATTHEW CVETIC AND OTHER
 DISCONTINUED INFORMANTS

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SYNOPSIS:

With reference to the attached memorandum from Mr. Jones to Mr. Nichols dated March 3, 1953, it is felt that identifying discontinued informants as having been employed by the FBI as informants is a dangerous practice and could result in considerable difficulty to the Bureau. We have avoided such terminology in the past inasmuch as informants have no rights as employees of the Government and are treated as independent contractors and are paid as such. Opinion obtained in 1943 from Internal Revenue Bureau to the effect that a payment to an informant was a payment for information and did not come under the heading of wages. Likewise in December 1951 the status of informants was discussed with the Department at which time the Department orally furnished an opinion that a confidential informant could not be considered an employee of the Government. Copy of memorandum attached. If we were to advise outside individuals that Cvetic and similar persons had been "employed" as informants, this information could come into the possession of the discontinued informant and become the basis of a claim for privileges afforded to former Bureau employees.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that we avoid such terminology in correspondence and that instead we state that "Cvetic assisted this Bureau as an informant from Feb. 1943 to Jan. 1950 and during that time was compensated for information furnished by him. He was not, however, an employee of the FBI."

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DETAILS:

With reference to the attached memorandum from Mr. Jones to Mr. Nichols dated March 3, 1953, it is felt that the identifying of Cuetic and other discontinued informants as having been employed by the FBI is a dangerous procedure which could lead to difficulty for the Bureau in the future. As you are aware each and every informant is advised at the beginning of his services as such that he is not to consider himself a Bureau employee and that he has no rights and privileges afforded to employees of the Federal Government. The relationship between the Bureau and the informant is a contractual one in which the informant acts as an independent contractor receiving payment for information furnished by him. They do not take any oath of office.

In June 1943 this problem as it relates to income tax deductions on wages to informants was discussed by Mr. T. J. Scott of the Bureau with Mr. W. B. Hill, Assistant Chief, Practice and Procedure Unit, Bureau of Internal Revenue. According to Mr. Hill, payment to an informant was a payment for information and did not, in his opinion, come under the heading of wages. He indicated that the information might be construed as property that we were buying and, therefore, it would not be necessary to withhold any portion of our payments to the informant under the Tax Payment Act. Mr. Hill suggested that no effort be made by the Bureau to withhold amounts paid to informants. (66-2542-8138)

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Again in December 1951 the problem of relationship of informant to the Bureau was considered in connection with the death of [redacted]. On December 6, 1951, Mr. Rosen contacted [redacted] of the Department pursuant to the Director's instruction that we have the question passed upon by the Department as to whether the wife of a deceased confidential informant of the Bureau has any legal right to receive any Government retirement or other benefits. [redacted] and Mr. [redacted] of the Criminal Section both orally advised that a confidential informant could not be considered "an employee" of the Government and the widow of such an individual would, therefore, not be entitled to retirement or other benefits accrued to survivors of regular employees of the Federal Government. They pointed out that in all dealings that the Bureau had with the informant, it was clearly pointed out to the informant that he was not an employee of the FBI or the Government. They further pointed out that there are certain characteristics of Government employment such as tenure of office, emolument, and oath of office which are either lacking or different in the relationship of an informant to the Bureau.

They further pointed out that no deductions were taken from any payments made to the informant to be used as contributions to any federal retirement or benefit fund, Civil Service, or otherwise.

[] and [] concluded that their study failed to show there would be any basis for an informant considering himself an employee. A copy of Mr. Rosen's memorandum of December 6, 1951 to Mr. Ladd re the above is attached.

It is felt that if we were to identify Cvetic and other discontinued informants to outside individuals as having been employed by the Bureau, such correspondence could conceivably fall into the hands of Cvetic or other discontinued informants of a similar type. This could conceivably be used as proof of former Government employment and thus be the basis of a claim against the Bureau on the part of Cvetic for some benefit or privilege as a former Bureau employee. For this reason it is being recommended that we avoid such terminology in correspondence relating to informants.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : THE DIRECTOR

DATE: April 21, 1953

FROM : MR. D. M. LADD

SUBJECT: MATTHEW CVETIC
FORMER PITTSBURGH SECURITY INFORMANT

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To recommend that the attached SAC Letter be sent to the field regarding Cvetic.

DETAILS:

As shown in the attached airtel from Houston, that office received an inquiry concerning Cvetic inasmuch as he was scheduled to make several lectures in Corpus Christi, Texas. Houston answered these inquiries by stating that no comments could be made relative to Cvetic. On this airtel you noted "we should advise all offices re Cvetic and attitude we take."

(1951)
By SAC Letter 51-32, Section F, the field was advised that the motion picture "I Was a Communist Spy," based on the activities of Cvetic, was to be released within the next few weeks. The field was advised further that the Bureau did not approve this picture and had absolutely nothing to do with its production. SAC's asked to attend the reception or to participate in any publicity program in connection with the picture were instructed to tactfully decline and no comment was to be made in connection with the picture.

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By SAC Letter 52-13 the field was advised that the Bureau had no connection whatsoever with the radio program "I Was a Communist Spy for the FBI" and in answering any inquiries concerning this matter, it should be forcefully stressed that the FBI has not had and does not intend to have anything to do with the radio program.

RECOMMENDATION:

In view of the continued publicity which Cvetic is receiving and further in view of the number of inquiries being received concerning him, it is recommended that the attached SAC Letter be transmitted, advising the field of the Bureau's policy in this regard.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: April 30, 1953

FROM : SAC, New Orleans (62-0-9161)

SUBJECT: MATTHEW CVETIC, aka Matt Cvetic
INFORMATION CONCERNING

The following is furnished for the information of the Bureau:

The April 26, 1953, issue of the New Orleans Item, a daily newspaper, Column 4, Page 11, reported that the captioned individual would come to New Orleans on Monday, April 27, 1953, to deliver a series of lectures under the auspices of Radio Station WDSU, New Orleans. The article stated that the appearance of CVETIC here is in connection with a radio series, "I Was A Communist For the FBI," which will be broadcast over WDSU radio next month.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: April 16, 1953

FROM : SAC, Pittsburgh (67-2584A)

SUBJECT: MATTHEW CVETIC
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Mr. Clegg	✓
Mr. Glavin	✓
Mr. Harbo	✓
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Mr. Holloman	✓
Mr. Sizoo	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

The following article appeared at Page 1, Column 2, of the April 15, 1953, issue of the "Pittsburgh Post-Gazette":

"CVETIC TO SEEK
EBERHARTER'S SEAT

Roanoke, Va., April 14 (AP) Matt Cvetic, of Pittsburgh, who served in the Communist Party for nearly 10 years as an agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, said tonight he will run for Congress next year.

He said he plans to seek the seat now held by Representative Herman Eberharter, Democrat, Pittsburgh."

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FBI HOUSTON

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Transmit the following Teletype message to:

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DIRECTOR, FBI

MAX CZVETIC, INFORMATION CONCERNING

DR. R.L. WILLIAMS, SUPERINTENDENT, CORPUS CHRSTI, TEXAS,

PUBLIC SCHOOLS, CONTACTED CORPUS CHRISTI RA TO-DAY AND

ADVISED THAT CZVETIC WAS SCHEDULED TO LECTURE TO COMBINED

STUDENT BODY OF ALL HIGH SCHOOLS, CORPUS CHRISTI, ON

APRIL THIRTY. WILLIAMS ALSO STATED HE UNDERSTOOD CZVETIC

WAS TO MAKE LECTURE TO PERSONNEL OF NAVAL AIR STATION AND

COMBINED KIWANIS CLUBS, CORPUS CHRISTI, SAME DATE. MR.

WILLIAMS DESIRED TO KNOW STATUS OF CZVETIC WITH FBI, INFO

RE PAST EMPLOYMENT, OR IF ANY OBJECTION TO HIS GIVING TALK

BEFORE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS. HE WAS INFORMED THE RESIDENT AGENCY

COULD MAKE NO COMMENTS RELATIVE TO CZVETIC. REFERENCE IS MADE

TO MYLETS OF MARCH FIFTEEN AND NOVEMBER SIX, FIFTY TWO,

FURNISHING INFO RELATIVE TO CZVETIC'S ACTIVITIES HOUSTON DIVISION.

WILLIAMS INDICATED, ALTHOUGH HE DID NOT DEFINITELY STATE, HE

MIGHT SEND TELEGRAM TO BUREAU IN REGARD TO STATUS OF CZVETIC.

THIS IS BEING FURNISHED FOR BUREAU'S INFORMATION. BUREAU REQUESTED

TO PLEASE ADVISE BUREAU POLICY RELATIVE TO INQUIRIES CONCERNING

CZVETIC.

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Approved:

Special Agent in Charge

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Per

MR. BELMONT

AND SUPERVISOR

DOM. INTEL. DIVISION

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MM (R) MATTHEW CVETIC - FORMER PITTSBURGH SECURITY INFORMANT -- For your information, captioned individual assisted the Pittsburgh Office as a paid informant from February 1943 to January 1950. At that time Cvetic was discontinued inasmuch as he had violated the confidential nature of his relationship with the Bureau and, moreover, considerable difficulty had been encountered in handling him as an informant. (U3-1)

Immediately upon being terminated by the Bureau, Cvetic contacted members of the press in Pittsburgh and furnished these persons considerable information concerning Communist activities in western Pennsylvania. Cvetic has subsequently testified before the House Committee on Un-American Activities, the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee, and has received much publicity as a "former undercover agent" of the FBI. SAC Letters 52-13 and 51-32 advised you relative to the radio program and the motion picture based on Cvetic's activities and in these SAC Letters you were instructed as to the manner of handling requests concerning this program and picture.

In view of the widespread publicity which Cvetic has received and due to the large number of public appearances this man makes, frequent inquiries are received at the Bureau and also at the various field offices concerning him. Should your office receive any such inquiries, the person seeking information regarding Cvetic should be advised that "Cvetic assisted this Bureau as an informant from February 1943 to January 1950 and during that time was compensated for information furnished by him. He was not, however, an employee of the FBI." Persons requesting information concerning the present activities or whereabouts of Cvetic should be advised that the Bureau has no present connection with Cvetic whatsoever and, therefore, cannot furnish any information along these lines. If inquiries are received as to whether Cvetic has any official capacity with the Bureau or utilizes information from the Bureau's files, you should make it clear in response to such inquiries that the Bureau in no way endorses Cvetic's activities, that he does not have access to information from the Bureau and that he does not in any manner represent the FBI. Inquiries concerning Cvetic's radio program or movie should, of course, be answered in accordance with previous Bureau instructions.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-372409)

DATE: May 14, 1953

FROM : SAC, PITTSBURGH (67-2584A)

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FBI AUTOMATIC DECLASSIFICATION GUIDE
DATE 03-18-2012

SUBJECT: MATTHEW CVETIC

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~
REGISTERED MAIL

Former Pittsburgh Security Informant C-113

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Re Pittsburgh letter to Bureau 12-3-52.

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On April 20, 1953, Pittsburgh Security Informant [redacted] while turning over to the Pittsburgh Office some miscellaneous material determined to have been in his possession, also made available to the Pittsburgh Office the following material which relates to MATTHEW CVETIC, photostatic copies of which documents are being furnished as enclosures to the Bureau as listed hereinafter.

1. Text of 12 page speech by CVETIC captioned "I was a Communist for the FBI."
2. Program of the Bloomsburg, Pa. Rotary Club, ~~one~~ ^{one} sponsored a speech by CVETIC at Bloomsburg, Pa., on March 27, 1953.
3. One page leaflet from J. C. DINE, Frederic W. Ziv Co., 488 Madison Avenue, New York 22, New York, containing biographical data concerning CVETIC and "I Was a Communist for the FBI."
4. One page leaflet from J. C. Dine, Frederic W. Ziv Co., New York, New York, concerning "Partial Results of Activities MATTHEW CVETIC, Former FBI Undercover Agent in the Communist Party."

[redacted] also made available a nine page mimeographed document captioned "From: Philip ~~Bucci~~ Associates For: American Legion, dated August 7, 1952, 'For Immediate Release!'", an address by Matt Cvetic, Former FBI Undercover Agent in the Communist Party, delivered before the Pennsylvania American Legion Convention in Philadelphia on August 7, 1952, at Convention Hall, 1:30 PM.

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E.A. [signature] m'g [signature] [signature]

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, PITTSBURGH
RE: MATTHEW CVETIC
Former Pittsburgh Security Informant C-113

It is noted that a photostatic copy of said document was furnished to the Bureau as an enclosure with referenced Pittsburgh letter.

The above is being furnished to the Bureau as a matter of information.

Office Memorandum

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: May 15, 1953

FROM : SAC, PITTSBURGH

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DATE 7-31-82 BY SP7MAC/hgSUBJECT: WILLIAM BLOCK
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Pittsburgh Post-Gazette
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

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Mr. Clegg	✓
Mr. Glavin	✓
Mr. Harbo	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Tracy	✓
Mr. Gearty	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. Winterrowd	✓
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Mr. Holloman	✓
Mr. Gandy	✓

G.I.R.

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated 5-8-53, directed to Mr. BLOCK, in acknowledgment of his communication to the Bureau dated April 30, 1953, with which Mr. BLOCK transmitted a newspaper clipping concerning MATTHEW CVETIC, a former Security Informant of the Pittsburgh Office.

On relet to Mr. BLOCK, the Bureau instructed that I personally contact Mr. BLOCK immediately, particularly to correct his impression that CVETIC had been a Communist before he offered to assist this office, unless the files of this office indicated otherwise.

The Bureau is advised that I conferred with Mr. BLOCK at his office at the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette on the morning of May 14, 1953. The visit with Mr. BLOCK was a very pleasant one, and he spent most of his time commending the Director personally and making many favorable comments in regard to the Bureau. He expressed great satisfaction in connection with his visit with the Director at the Bureau, on February 3, 1953. He has been and possibly will continue to be a very close friend of the Bureau, as the other officials of the Post-Gazette have been in the past.

I made it clear to Mr. BLOCK that CVETIC had not been a Communist before he agreed to assist this office as an informant.

Mr. BLOCK reiterated his concern in connection with ex-informants of the Bureau capitalizing on their activities in behalf of the Bureau, and BLOCK feels very definitely that CVETIC has been irresponsible in a number of statements made since his activities with the Bureau ceased. The Bureau is well aware that CVETIC has made irresponsible remarks.

Mr. BLOCK pointed out that at the time of his visit with the Director, on February 3, 1953, all pertinent questions were raised and thoroughly answered by the Director but that he, BLOCK,

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To: DIRECTOR, FBI
From: SAC, PITTSBURGH

Re: WILLIAM BLOCK
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had forgotten to clarify the one pertinent question previously mentioned in regard to whether CVETIC was a Communist at the time he began to assist the Bureau. He seemed thoroughly satisfied with the results of our discussion and when I left him he reiterated his desire to cooperate with the Bureau in every way possible.

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May 8, 1953

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Mr. William Block
Publisher
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Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

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DATE 7-21-82 BY SP7mch/s

Dear Mr. Block:

I want to express my appreciation for your letter of April 30, 1953, enclosing a newspaper clipping concerning Matthew Guetic.

In view of the nature of your inquiry, I am having Mr. Fred Hallford, Special Agent in Charge of our Pittsburgh Office, call on you in the immediate future.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

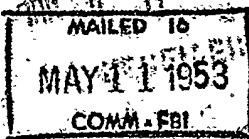
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NOTE TO SAC, PITTSBURGH:

For your information, Mr. Block visited the Director on February 3, 1953, at which time he expressed concern over the matter of ex-informants capitalizing on their activities on behalf of the Bureau, having in mind particularly the case of Matthew Guetic. Mr. Block stated that he had information that Guetic was now "owned" in part by Judge Musmanno of Pennsylvania and a Hearst newspaper reporter. Mr. Block further advised that he believed Guetic was becoming quite careless in

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charging various people with being members of the Communist Party and he, Mr. Block, was concerned over the fact that Cuetic was portrayed as having been an undercover Agent for the FBI. Mr. Block was informed that Cuetic was not an undercover Agent but was in fact an informant who worked for the Bureau from 1943 to 1951 receiving during that time moderate compensation for services and expenses. Mr. Block further stated that he intended to go further into Cuetic's activities and associations and wondered whether the Director would be willing to state that Cuetic was not an Agent or ex-Agent of the FBI. Mr. Block was informed that the Director would, of course, be willing to make such a statement because it was a fact that Cuetic was an informant and nothing more. Mr. Block inquired as to whether the Director would evaluate Cuetic's services as an informant and was told the Director would not. It was pointed out to Mr. Block that the Bureau has a number of informants, some being of a very high type with excellent educations and others of limited ability such as Cuetic but that a public evaluation could not and would not be made.

The Bureau's file on Cuetic shows that he was first proposed as an informant by your office by your letter of February 26, 1942. Cuetic was assigned a symbol number by your office by letter dated February 16, 1943, and payments were begun to him as an informant effective February 16, 1943. Your letter of February 16, 1943, further stated that Cuetic joined the Communist Party on February 12, 1943, for the express and only purpose of furnishing information to your office.

You should personally contact Mr. Block in the immediate future in order to correct his impression that Cuetic had been a Communist before he offered to assist your office unless, of course, the files of your office indicate otherwise. You will further note that in Mr. Block's letter of April 30, 1953, he inquired as to whether the enclosed newspaper clipping is the correct story regarding Cuetic's development as an informant.

If Mr. Block requests additional details concerning Cretic's development, you should diplomatically advise him that the obtaining and developing of informants by the Bureau is, of course, a highly confidential matter and we cannot make any specific comment concerning it.

The above contact should be personally handled by you in the immediate future and you should promptly advise the Bureau of the results of your interview with Mr. Block. Utmost discretion should, of course, be observed during your contact in view of the importance of continued cooperation with your office on the part of Mr. Block and also in view of the delicate nature of Mr. Block's inquiry and the reason therefor.

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette
PITTSBURGH, PA

OFFICE OF THE
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April 30, 1953

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington
D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

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HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 7-31-89 BY SP-6/mact

When I was in your office early in February we discussed the case of the FBI informer, Matt Cvetic. I think I understood from you that Matt Cvetic had been a Communist before he went to work for the FBI and that his case was unlike the case of Mr. Philbrick, who had specifically joined the party at the request of the FBI.

On Sunday, April 12, the enclosed story appeared in the Pittsburgh Press, which is the Cvetic version of his work for the FBI.

On a confidential basis, with my word to you that there will be no publication of anything without your permission, I would appreciate knowing whether this is a correct story.

You will be interested in the last two paragraphs, which describe Mr. Cvetic's tour of lectures co-sponsored by the Frederick Ziv Company, which operates the radio serial, on which I gave you a clipping from the Washington Star last February.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

William Block
William Block
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EXPEDITE PROCESSING

'We Have a Job for You'

You Might Lose Life, FBI Warned Cvetic In Red Party Role

How He Got Undercover Bid to Expose Commies Revealed Fully for First Time

Up on the fifth floor of the U. S. Employment Service Office, a telephone rang.

The placement interviewer reached over and picked the phone off the hook.

"Is this Mr. Matthew Cvetic?" a voice inquired.

"Yes," the soft-spoken interviewer replied.

"I have something very important I'd like to discuss with you after work," the strange voice explained. "How about meeting me for dinner?"

Didn't Suspect Purpose

It was exactly 12 years ago that this mysterious call came to Mr. Cvetic at his desk at 526 Penn. Ave. And even he didn't realize the strange adventure that was to grow out of the dinner rendezvous which followed.

For that's the night Mr. Cvetic was asked to become a Communist for the FBI.

Mr. Cvetic accepted the dinner invitation with some misgiving when the caller finally told him a "job" was involved.

The man said his name was Bob Lee and that he would meet Mr. Cvetic in the first-floor dining room of the Kilkeary Hotel on Ninth Street, now the Hotel Edison.

Meets Stranger

When Mr. Cvetic asked how he'd be able to recognize Mr. Lee, the caller laughed.

"Oh, don't worry about that. I know you."

A few minutes after Mr. Cvetic arrived at the hotel, a stranger entered, walked directly over and smiled.

"I'm Bob Lee," he said. "Let's get a table back there in a corner."

wasn't until they had sat down that the stranger reached into his coat pocket and flashed his FBI identification card. His first name was Ed, not Bob, and his last name wasn't Lee.

But the name Bob Lee was to stick with Mr. Cvetic for nine years. It's the "code name" he used in submitting written reports to the FBI.

When the agent showed his card, Mr. Cvetic's first reaction was: "What did I do now?"

"We have a job for you," the agent related.

Mr. Cvetic then was told the FBI would like for him to worm his way into the Communist Party ranks as an undercover man.

"It won't be easy," the agent explained. "You might even lose your life and we might have to deny knowing you. But the bureau has high hopes for you."

Meet Second Time

That was in April, 1941, eight months before Pearl Harbor. The agent suggested Mr. Cvetic "think it over."

A week later, the two met again in a Grant Street restaurant. There, Mr. Cvetic announced his decision: "I'll do it."

"Good," the agent said. "We knew you would."

Then he promptly reached into his pocket and drew out a list of names of "suspected Communists" working for the Employment Service.

Mr. Cvetic, thoroughly flabbergasted, was advised to cultivate their friendship so he could get into the party.

Two years later, he was sworn in as a full-fledged Red at the Fifth Avenue High School by Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, a national party official recently convicted of subversive conspiracy. He remained inside the party until January, 1950.

Mr. Cvetic doesn't know even now how the FBI got on his trail.

But he has a hunch it all started when he applied for a commission in Army Intelligence in 1939. He didn't hear a thing about his application until March, 1941.

Then, the Army notified him

he couldn't get a commission because he was too short. The Army said he had to be at least 5 feet 6 inches and Mr. Cvetic is only 5 feet 4.

"I guess I aimed a little too high," he chuckled yesterday, as he disclosed for the first time the details of how he became an undercover agent.

Several weeks after the Army rejection came that phone call from "Bob Lee."

Mr. Cvetic later quit his Civil Service job with the Employment Service and, with FBI assistance, got a job selling insurance—so he'd be able to make his own hours.

Ranked High in Sales

Despite his double role as a Communist leader and an FBI undercover man, Mr. Cvetic ranked second in insurance sales in his company's group.

He paid income taxes on his regular earnings. But it was understood he wouldn't even report the money he got from the FBI. That would have been too risky for a disloyal clerk, or a simple blabbermouth, could have spilled the beans.

"Remember," Mr. Cvetic pointed out, "Judith Coplon (the clerk who was involved in a Russian spy plot) worked for the Department of Justice itself."

Serves as Consultant

Today, Mr. Cvetic is out of the Communist Party and out of the insurance business. He is a consultant to the Immigration and Naturalization Service and frequently is subpoenaed as an expert witness.

But most of his time he spends traveling about the country, preaching against Communism. He opens his latest lecture tour tomorrow at Norfolk, Va.

It will last 2½ months and cover 45 cities in Virginia, Georgia, Florida, Kentucky, Tennessee, Texas, Kansas, Missouri, Oregon, Colorado, Minnesota, Michigan, New York, Ohio, Illinois, South Carolina, Alabama, Louisiana, Utah, California, Washington, Nebraska, Iowa, Pennsylvania and Indiana. The tour is being co-sponsored by the Frederic Ziv Co., which produces a radio serial based on Mr. Cvetic's experiences, and the Disabled American Veterans.

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SAC, Pittsburgh

May 19, 1953

Director, FBI (100-372409)

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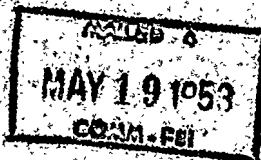
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MATTHEW GVETIC
FORMER SECURITY INFORMANT

ReBulet dated May 8, 1953, to Mr. William Block, Publisher, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, carbon copies to your office.

You are requested to advise the Bureau by return mail the results of your contact with Mr. Block.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Nichols

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: MATT CVETIC

DATE: June 18, 1953

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As a matter of interest, your attention is called to the attached ticklers from the Cincinnati Office reflecting that on June 15 Matt Cvetic was to talk before 250 high school graduates on the campus of Xavier University in Cincinnati, this being a part of the program sponsored by the governors of four states. Following Cvetic's talk there was to be a panel forum to which SAC Foster was invited by the Public Relations Staff of Xavier University.

Mr. Foster, of course, declined the invitation.

RECOMMENDATION:

For information only.

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Mr. Harvey G. Foster
Agent-in-Charge, FBI Office
Federal Building
Cincinnati, Ohio

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DATE 7-31-89 BY SP7MAC/HUB

My dear Mr. Foster:

The public relations staff of Xavier University would like to congratulate you and welcome you to Cincinnati.

We are having some 250 high school graduates from many states come to the campus of Xavier University to live and learn about democracy and citizenship. This program, sponsored by the governors of four states, won the National Freedoms Foundation Award in 1951. On Monday evening, June 15 at 8:00 p.m. in the Xavier University fieldhouse, we are presenting Matt Cvetic, former FBI agent and undercover member of the Communist Party in an open forum. Following his talk, we are having a panel consisting of Mr. James Ratcliff of the Cincinnati Enquirer and Mr. Robert Otto of the Cincinnati Post. The panel will answer questions from the audience concerning the problem of American security etc.

We would very much like to have you as a member of this panel. The program will be over by 10 p.m. I am calling your office for confirmation of this date and if you can accept, we would like a gloss print photo and biographical data. I am sure Mr. J. Edgar Hoover or our good personal friend Mr. Earl J. Connelly will approve of this program.

With kindest personal regards,

Most sincerely,

/s/ Joseph Link, Jr.

Dr. Joseph Link, Jr.,
Program Director, Operation Youth.

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P. O. Box 1277
Cincinnati 1, Ohio
June 15, 1953

Dr. Joseph Link, Jr.
Program Director, Operation Youth
Xavier University
Cincinnati 7, Ohio

Dear Dr. Link:

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DATE 7-31-89 BY SP7mc/LB

Upon my return to Cincinnati today I found your letter of June 7, requesting that I appear on a panel at Xavier University on the evening of June 15, at which time Mr. Matt Grotto would also be on the panel.

Prior to my departure from Cincinnati on annual leave you called the office, asking if it would be possible for me to appear, and although I was unable to reach you personally I left a message to the effect that I could not accept your invitation.

I am, however, looking forward to making your acquaintance in the near future.

Very truly yours,

H. G. FOSTER
Special Agent in Charge

cc: Bureau (Encl.)

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. D. M. Ladd

DATE: June 17, 1953

FROM : Mr. A. H. Belmont

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SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

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At 6:05 PM on June 17, SAC Hallford called from Pittsburgh regarding [REDACTED], former confidential informant at Pittsburgh. I previously submitted a memorandum today reflecting that the McCarthy Committee desired to have [REDACTED] testify [REDACTED]

Hallford said that Don Surine of the McCarthy Committee called him this afternoon regarding [REDACTED]. Hallford said he took information from Surine but made no comment. I told him to continue to make no comment.

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Surine said that he had received word to have [REDACTED] get the first plane to Washington so he could testify tomorrow. Surine said this had been cleared through Mr. Tolson and through a high attorney in the Justice Department; that the Committee realized that [REDACTED] was a witness in the Smith Act case at Pittsburgh and were not going to ask him questions which would affect that case.

Surine advised that in addition to the previous information we had received reflecting an alleged plot to assassinate Senator McCarthy, [REDACTED] had advised Surine that [REDACTED] and another Unknown Communist Party member from Cleveland were assigned to beat up Cuetic after Cuetic was exposed as an FBI informant. However, they found out that two FBI Agents were with Cuetic and decided that they would not undertake the job. SAC Hallford advised that this information was not previously reported by [REDACTED] to the FBI and that no Agents were assigned to guard Cuetic.

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Surine said that [REDACTED] told him that in 1948 the Communist Party received instructions to take photographs of all facilities in Pittsburgh. Steve Nelson, [REDACTED] and others were assigned to the job of taking these pictures. [REDACTED] said he turned in copies of the photographs to the Bureau. Surine told Hallford that the Bureau considers [REDACTED] to be reliable on everything he has to say.

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Hallford said that Pittsburgh has no knowledge of any such instructions to [REDACTED] or other members of the Party to take pictures of facilities in Pittsburgh.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: June 17, 1953

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT: LOUIS BORTZ
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For record purposes, Don Surine stopped by my office today at the request of Roy Cohn of Senator McCarthy's Committee to pick up background data on Louis Bortz. This was furnished to him. Surine stated that he served Bortz with a subpoena in Pittsburgh yesterday, calling for Bortz's appearance before the Committee today, and he felt Bortz was a tough character.

Surine also talked to a former Bureau informant, [redacted] who told him that in 1950 at a Communist Party meeting, Bortz, and an unnamed Cleveland Communist were given instructions to give Matt Cuetic a beating, and that Bortz was in charge; and that thereafter the Pittsburgh FBI Office had Agents assigned to escort Cuetic. [redacted] told Surine he reported this to the FBI.

Matthew

According to Surine, [redacted] stated one day [redacted] and Bortz encountered Cuetic who was accompanied by a couple of men, and that [redacted] on that occasion told Bortz he suspected these people accompanying Cuetic were FBI Agents. On this occasion, [redacted] stated, the Agents were shoved around a bit but [redacted] told Bortz to lay off. According to Surine, [redacted] stated that Bortz did not go through with the contemplated program of beating up Cuetic on that occasion.

[redacted] allegedly told Surine that he felt Bortz was close to Steve Nelson and that he gathered from other Communists who also felt Bortz was close to Steve Nelson that they, the other Communists, were afraid of Bortz.

Surine stated that [redacted] told him in 1948 [redacted] had a project of taking photographs of all industrial facilities in the Pittsburgh area and some twenty odd days were taken up in securing the pictures and that Bortz helped him on this project. Both Bortz and [redacted], according to Surine's information, even went so far on one occasion as renting an airplane in order to take air photographs. Surine stated that [redacted] furnished pictures so taken on this project to the Pittsburgh Office.

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cc: Mr. Ladd
Mr. Belmont

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Memorandum to Mr. Tolson from L. B. Nichols

Re: LOUIS BORTZ

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[] also told Surine that he understood Bortz went to Anchorage, Alaska, in 1948, and in view of his believed close tie-in with Steve Nelson, Bortz was in the upper strata of the Party in the Pittsburgh area.

It is recommended that this information be routed to the Domestic Intelligence Division for its consideration.

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John

July 27, 1953

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[redacted]
Rawlins, Wyoming

Dear [redacted]:

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I, of course, recall very well meeting you at [redacted] home last February and I recall some of our conversation, particularly your comments on the West.

In response to your specific inquiry regarding Matthew Guetic, he did serve in the capacity of a confidential informant for the FBI for a period of time until his services were discontinued. The FBI, of course, does not sponsor or endorse or approve in any way Guetic's radio program or have any connection whatsoever with his lectures around the country. I hope that this will answer your question.

I do hope that if you have occasion to visit Washington in the future you will have time to again call at the Bureau.

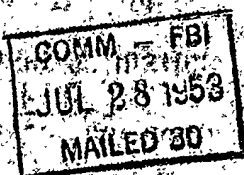
With every good wish,

Sincerely,

L. B. Nichols

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July 22, 1953

Mr. Lou Nichols
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Nichols,

You will not recognize the signature attached to the end of my letter, so, I will have to introduce myself in another way.

I am a student at Saint Mary's College, Notre Dame, Indiana, and had the pleasure of meeting you this past February at a party given by [redacted] at his home. At this party, they called me "Wyoming," and my conversation with you, consisted of a talk about guns. I hope that you now have some inkling of who I am.

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The reason I am writing to you, is that I have a question which has caused undue speculation here in our office, and I am in hopes that you might take the time to answer it for me.

Last night, one Matthew Cvetic talked here. He is billed throughout the United States as a "former communist for the FBI." I attended his lecture as a member of the press, and found it most interesting. But, to be perfectly truthful, I found no more information therein, than I received in reading Witness by Whittaker Chambers.

My question is this, was or was not this Matthew Cvetic a communist for the FBI for nine years? When at the bureau last winter, I remember the question being asked about his program, and if I remember correctly, the agent who took us through, said that the program was not sponsored by the FBI. Were the communist activities of Cvetic sponsored by the bureau, or does he hold the same status of Chambers in this respect?

I would appreciate it if you could clear up these questions for me, as matter of my own curiosity. It has nothing to do with my activities as a reporter, as my private return address will indicate.

Thank you very much for your trouble in my behalf.

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Sincerely,
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I never got the opportunity of thanking you for letting me try your tommy gun. It was an experience I'll long remember. "Wyoming"

Rawlins, Wyoming.

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Ex-F.B.I. / Informer
To Address Kiwanians
Matthew Cvetko, an informer
for the F.B.I. for nine years, will
speak on "I Was A Communist
For The F.B.I." at a Kiwanis
Club luncheon tomorrow at the
Brown Hotel.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. D. M. LADD

DATE: June 19, 1953

FROM : MR. A. H. BELMONT ^{b7D}SUBJECT:
FORMER PITTSBURGH SECURITY INFORMANTMATTHEW CVETIC~~Limited Classification
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On the attached News Service clipping the Director inquired, "What do we know about this?" with reference to recount of an alleged attempt to kill Matt Cvetic. had stated that he, Louis Bortz and another Communist, had received instructions to "get Cvetic." further alleged that he had told the FBI to get Cvetic off the streets and the Bureau told him to go ahead. This memorandum also answers the Director's inquiry regarding the same matter made on Mr. Nichols' memorandum to Mr. Tolson dated June 17, 1953, which is attached.

was interviewed by SAC Hallford and an Agent of the Pittsburgh Office on the evening of June 17, last, at which time he was specifically questioned concerning the above. advised that sometime in 1950, after Cvetic had been exposed as an informant, he, and Louis Bortz, both security subjects of the Pittsburgh Office, casually met in the offices of the Communist Party in Pittsburgh and discussed a plan to "beat up" Cvetic. They planned to get Cvetic on the street on the following evening at the time he usually walked down Liberty Avenue in downtown Pittsburgh. The above three subsequently learned that Cvetic was supposed to walk down the left side of Liberty Avenue, but observed that he was coming down the opposite side of the street accompanied by one with whom was acquainted. Bureau files contain no identifiable information regarding . When recognized he told that they could not "beat up" Cvetic at that time because would recognize him, . No further discussions were had in regard to doing any bodily harm to Cvetic at any time in the future as could recall.

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When questioned as to why he had not reported the above to the Bureau, claimed to have reported this incident to an FBI representative; however, Pittsburgh files fail to reflect the receipt of any report from in this regard and Special Agent Howard S. Meyerjack, to whom believes he furnished the information, definitely does not recall making any such report to him. was so advised during the above-mentioned interview.

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None. For your information.

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ADD 5 MCCARTHY

BORTZ DECLINED TO ANSWER, ON GROUNDS OF POSSIBLE SELF-INCRIMINATION, SENATORS' QUESTIONS AS TO WHETHER AS AN ELECTRICAL APPLIANCE SERVICE MAN HE HAD EVER MADE A BOMB. HE ALSO REFUSED TO SAY WHETHER HE HAD BEEN "SECTION ORGANIZER FOR DISTRICT 5, COMMUNIST PARTY OF THE UNITED STATES;" WHETHER HE HAD BEEN A COMMUNIST WHILE IN THE ARMY; AND WHETHER HE HAD KNOWN MATT CVETIC, AN FBI UNDERCOVER MAN IN COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES AROUND PITTSBURGH.

AT THIS POINT MAZZEI WAS ASKED TO RECOUNT AN ALLEGED ATTEMPT TO KILL CVETIC.

MAZZEI SAID, WITHOUT STIPULATING THE DATE, THAT WITH BORTZ AND "JOE MANKIN -- ANOTHER COMMUNIST," HE RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS TO GET CVETIC.

"WE WERE TOLD THE SIDE OF THE STREET THAT CVETIC WAS COMING DOWN... I TOLD THE FBI TO GET CVETIC OFF THE STREETS AND THE BUREAU TOLD ME TO GO AHEAD," MAZZEI SAID.

CVETIC WITH AN FBI AGENT "WALKED DOWN THE WRONG SIDE OF THE STREET," MAZZEI SAID, ADDING THAT HE RUSHED OVER SAYING "PLEASE NOT NOW -- THIS MAN KNOWS ME." HE APPARENTLY WAS REFERRING TO THE AGENT ACCOMPANYING CVETIC.

"WE TRIED TO GET CVETIC LATER, BUT IT NEVER CAME OFF," MAZZEI SAID. THE QUESTIONING THEN TURNED BACK TO BORTZ.

BORTZ WAS ASKED WHETHER HE WAS A "FAIRLY EFFICIENT" ELECTRICIAN AND REPLIED "WELL, I'M NOT GOING TO BRAG."

BORTZ SOUGHT TO ANSWER OTHER QUESTIONS WITH A NOD, BUT MCCARTHY INTERJECTED TO ASK A VERBAL ANSWER, SAYING:

"I'M RATHER INTERESTED, WHEN YOU MERELY NOD YOUR HEAD WE CAN'T HEAR YOU RATTLE."

"IF YOU TELL US THE TRUTH A TRUTHFUL ANSWER MIGHT INCRIMINATE YOU?" MCCARTHY ASKED.

"ANY DIRECT ANSWER MIGHT BE SELF INCRIMINATION," BORTZ REPLIED.

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ADD 4 MCCARTHY

BORTZ SAID HE NOW LIVES IN BUTLER, PA., 30 OR 35 MILES FROM PITTSBURGH, AND IS "TECHNICALLY UNEMPLOYED" WHILE TRYING TO START AN ELECTRICAL APPLIANCE REPAIR SERVICE.

UNDER PRODDING FROM MUNDT TO TELL THE STORY OF HIS LIFE, BORTZ SAID HE WAS BORN IN 1910 IN HARTFORD, CONN., ATTENDED SCHOOL IN BROOKLYN AND "EAST NEW YORK" AND ENDED HIS EDUCATION AFTER THE FIRST YEAR OF JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL IN 1925.

THEN HE WORKED IN A LAUNDRY, A BROOKLYN SHOE FACTORY, A LEATHER GOODS FACTORY.

"ABOUT 1929, I LEFT NEW YORK," HE SAID. BUT HE REFUSED TO TELL WHERE HE WENT.

HE SAID HE WORKED IN A SHEET METAL PLANT -- AGAIN REFUSING TO SAY WHERE, AND VOLUNTEERED FOR THE ARMY IN JANUARY, 1942.

BORTZ REFUSED TO SAY WHETHER HE WAS A COMMUNIST WHEN HE ENTERED THE ARMY OR WHETHER HE ENLISTED UNDER DIRECTION OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY. HE DID NOT RECALL THAT THE ARMY EVER ASKED WHETHER HE WAS A COMMUNIST.

HE SAID HE SERVED AS AN AIRPLANE MECHANIC IN NEWFOUNDLAND, AND WAS HONORABLY DISCHARGED SEPT. 30, 1945.

MAZZEI, DRESSED IN A DARK BLUE SUIT, SAT ON BORTZ' LEFT AND TWIDDLED WITH A PENCIL AS BORTZ TALKED.

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Mr. George Padget
Managing Editor
The Rawlins Daily Times
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Rawlins, Wyoming

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Dear Mr. Padget:

I have received your letter of July 21, 1953, and in response to your request, I wish to advise that Matthew Cuetic assisted the FBI as an informant from February, 1943, until January, 1950, and during that time was compensated for information furnished by him. He was not a Special Agent of the FBI and in no manner does he speak for or represent this Bureau.

I do hope this information will be of assistance to you.

Sincerely yours,

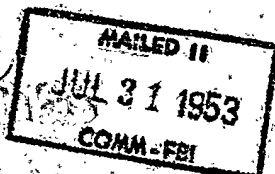
J. Edgar Hoover

cc - Denver, with copy of incoming.

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July 31, 1953

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am interested in finding out something about Matt Cvetic
and any possible connections he may have had with your
organization.

He spoke in our town recently and was billed, ~~by~~ by the
organization which sponsored his appearance, as a "former
Communist for the FBI."

As you know, a current radio program, "I Was a Communist
for the FBI," claims to be based on the experiences of Mr.
Cvetic. He is also, I believe, the author of a series of
articles which appeared under the same title in the Saturday
Evening Post.

Has Mr. Cvetic ever been an agent for the Federal Bureau
of Investigation?

Has he ever served the FBI in any capacity?

Has he ever turned over to the FBI, either as an employee
of your organization or as a private citizen, any information
concerning communism?

I ask these questions because, it seems to me, his audiences
have a right to know if Mr. Cvetic's claims are ~~are~~ genuine.

Respectfully yours,

George Padgett

George Padgett
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TO : Director, FBI (100-372409)

DATE: August 14, 1953

FROM : SAC, Pittsburgh (67-2584A)

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SUBJECT: MATTHEW CVETIC
Former Pittsburgh Security Informant C-113b6
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On August 11, 1953, MATTHEW CVETIC, former Pittsburgh Security Informant C-113, was interviewed by SA's VERNON E. DANIELS and [redacted] in his room, 705, William Penn Hotel, Pittsburgh, regarding the case entitled [redacted] Loyalty of the Employees of the United Nations and Other Public International Organizations, IR, Bufile 138-1445.

During the interview, MATTHEW CVETIC voluntarily advised that on August 11, 1953, he had testified in the Proceedings of the Allegheny County Bar Association Vs. [redacted], subject of Bufile 100-110645. CVETIC advised that the Allegheny County Bar Association was attempting to disbar [redacted] because of his Communist activities, and that the case against [redacted] was heard by a committee of three attorneys at a closed hearing, which was held on the ninth floor of the City County Building, Pittsburgh, and that said hearing was operating with the sanction of the courts of Allegheny County. CVETIC advised that the hearing was closed because of the Pittsburgh Smith Act trial which is still in progress.

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b7D CVETIC advised that [redacted], former Pittsburgh Security Informants [redacted] and [redacted] are also expected to testify at said hearing against [redacted].

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b7C CVETIC advised that the counsel for [redacted] asked him if he had discussed his testimony with Agents of the FBI, or if he had seen the reports which he had previously turned into the FBI prior to his testifying at said hearing. CVETIC advised that, of course, he replied in the negative to the questions directed to him by the defense counsel.

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Ltr. to Director
Re: MATTHEW CVETIC

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CVETIC further advised that during the early morning of August 8, 1953, he accidentally bumped into [redacted] aka [redacted] [redacted], Pittsburgh, and former employer of [redacted]. CVETIC advised that [redacted] proceeded to give him an "ear beating" for approximately forty-five minutes during which conversation [redacted] spoke condemningly of the CP and [redacted]. CVETIC advised that [redacted] apparently told "film row" about [redacted] past connections with the District 5, CP. CVETIC advised that he listened to [redacted] story but did not commit himself one way or the other, and told [redacted] that if he was sincere in his claims that he should go to the (FBI) Office and relate his story to Agents of the FBI. CVETIC advised that he told [redacted] that in the event that charges were ever brought against him regarding his CP activities that he undoubtedly would be afforded an opportunity to answer said charges.

The above is being furnished as a matter of information.

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 in the office of
Congressman Maude E. Kee,
(D- W. Va.), tele

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 stated that a constituent
would like to have copies of any
sworn testimony of former undercover agent
Matt Cvetic. After checking she was transferred
to Mr. Crosby in Mr. Nichols' office.

Mr. Crosby advised that the Bureau
does not have any copies of such testimony on
hand but that he would find out for her where
she could obtain it and call her back.

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TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: August 24, 1953

FROM : L. B. Nichols

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By reference from the Director's Office on the afternoon of August 18, 1953, [redacted] in the office of Congressman Maude E. Kee, Democrat of West Virginia, talked to Crosby. [redacted] advised that she had received a request from a constituent for information as to where copies of the testimony given by Matt Cvetic might be secured.

Crosby told [redacted] that Cvetic had testified before the House Committee on Un-American Activities which testimony had been the subject of a publication by the Government Printing Office. [redacted] said it sounded to her as if this was what the constituent had in mind. Crosby also advised [redacted] that Cvetic had appeared before the courts in the State of Pennsylvania in connection with criminal trials in bond in the state and Federal courts, that the Smith Act trial in the Western District of Pennsylvania was just drawing to a close and the constituent probably would not be interested in the testimony in that trial. [redacted] said she would communicate with the constituent advising him of the fact that Cvetic's testimony before the HCUA was available at the GPO.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, Pittsburgh (67-2584A)

SUBJECT: MATTHEW CVETIC CONE. INFT.
Former Pittsburgh Informant C-113

DATE: August 27, 1953

For the information of the Bureau, the following article under the caption "Kentucky Names Cvetic Colonel" appeared in the August 23, 1953, issue of the "Pittsburgh Sun-Telegraph" at Page 24, Column 5:

"Gov. Lawrence Weatherby, of Kentucky, has commissioned Matt Cvetic, the Pittsburgh FBI undercover agent, as a Kentucky colonel. E. A. Gafford, Kentucky state commander of the Disabled American Veterans, made the presentation to Cvetic at an anti-Communist rally attended by 400 persons in Louisville. Cvetic spoke at the huge rally on the workings of the Communist Party in the United States."

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: Sept. 16, 1953

FROM : SAC, Pittsburgh (67-2584A)

SUBJECT: MATTHEW CVETIC
Former Confidential Informant C-1133-1
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Enclosed find a photostatic copy of an Open Letter which was sent by MATTHEW CVETIC, former Confidential Informant C-113, to members of Local Union No. 1246 of the United Steelworkers of America-CIO, Oakmont, Pennsylvania, on August 20, 1953, concerning one [redacted] of Local Union 1246 of the USA-CIO. In said letter CVETIC stated that he knew [redacted] to be a member of the Penn Township Club of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania. A copy of said letter was forwarded via the mail to the Pittsburgh Office by CVETIC.

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There is also enclosed an article which appeared in the "Pittsburgh Press" issue of September 13, 1953, on Page 14, Column 4, concerning [redacted] and MATTHEW CVETIC.

It is noted that [redacted] is undoubtedly identical with the subject of Bureau File No. 100-380065.

The above is being furnished as a matter of information.

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Union to 'Try' Svoboda Saturday

Head of USW Local
Accused as Red

Frank Svoboda, president of Local 1246, CIO United Steel Workers, will go on "trial" Saturday on charges he is a member of the Communist Party.

Members of the local, employees of the Edgewater Steel Co., ordered a hearing on the charges last Tuesday.

Conviction, by a trial committee of the local upheld by the membership, would cost Mr. Svoboda his office.

Charges Denied

Mr. Svoboda has denied the charges and said he is confident the trial board will clear him.

The charges were filed as a result of a letter written by Matt Cvetic, former undercover agent for the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

In an open letter to the local, Mr. Cvetic accused Mr. Svoboda of being a member of the Communist Party of the United States and several party affiliates.

He said his knowledge of Mr. Svoboda's Red activities was gained while he posed as a Communist for the FBI from 1943 to 1950.

5 Members on Board

Mr. Svoboda contends, "I am not and was not a member of the Communist Party." He "emphatically" denied Mr. Cvetic's charges.

Next Saturday's hearing will be conducted by a trial board composed of 5 union members in the local's headquarters, 351 Delaware Ave., Oakmont.

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Matthew Cvetic
 WILLIAM PENN HOTEL
 PITTSBURGH, PA.

20th August, 1953

An open letter to members of
 Local #1246, USA, CIO.
 Oakmont, Pennsylvania.

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Fellow Americans:

I am writing you regarding Frank Svoboda, president of your local Union #1246 United Steelworkers of America CIO. This same Frank Svoboda is one I knew to be a member of the Communist Party of the United States. He was a member of the Penn Township Club of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania.

Frank Svoboda was also a member of the Steel Commission of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania. This Communist Steel Commission's activities were directed by convicted Communist seditious Andy Onda. The prime aim of this Communist Steel Commission, of which Frank Svoboda was a member, was to plant Communists into the Steel industry so they could worm their way into positions of trust in the steel unions.

This letter is based on my first hand knowledge about Frank Svoboda's Communist activities which came to my attention when I was posing as a Communist for the FBI (1943-50). During those years I attended dozens of closed Communist Party meetings where Frank Svoboda was present. Many of these secret meetings at which Frank Svoboda was present were confined to Communist Party leaders whose communist assignment consisted in infiltrating the steelworkers unions. Many of these meetings were held right in Communist Party headquarters, then in the Bakewell Building, Grant Street, Pittsburgh.

This same Frank Svoboda was working hand-in-glove with Communist conspirators Steve Nelson, James H. Dolsen, Benjamin Careathers and William Albertson.

Thus, along with Andy Onda, you can see that Frank Svoboda was the tool of the five top Communists in Western Pennsylvania.

In other words Frank Svoboda was taking orders from and reporting to high Communist Party conspirators who in turn were getting their orders right from the Kremlin.

The CIO has taken the leadership in ridding its rank of Communist elements. Here is additional work to be done -- namely ridding your local union of this Communist stooge.

Sincerely,

Matt Cvetic

cc:David McDonald, Pres.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: OCTOBER 2, 1953

FROM : SAC, PITTSBURGH (67-2584A)

REGISTERED MAIL

SUBJECT: MATTHEW CVETIC CONF. INFO.
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On September 28, 1953 [redacted] who resides at the [redacted] Pittsburgh, Pa., and who is employed at [redacted] Pittsburgh, as a bartender, appeared at the Pittsburgh Office and furnished the following information concerning MATTHEW CVETIC.

[redacted] advised that he was acquainted with MATTHEW CVETIC, and that he had talked with CVETIC on several occasions in CVETIC's apartment, located in the William Penn Hotel, Pittsburgh. [redacted] advised that CVETIC had volunteered to give him a letter of introduction to several of his (CVETIC's) friends at Miami, Fla., who, CVETIC felt, would be able to assist [redacted] in obtaining a job at Miami, Fla., as a bartender.

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[redacted] advised that since he was on vacation that he had been attempting to get in touch with CVETIC in order to obtain said letter of introduction, and ascertained that CVETIC is presently in Wyoming.

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[redacted] advised that he was of the opinion that CVETIC worked in the Federal Building, Pittsburgh, and stated that he was referred to the Pittsburgh Office by one of the Federal Judges whom he contacted while attempting to locate CVETIC in the Federal Building. [redacted] stated that in view of CVETIC's absence from the city he thought perhaps this office could make available to him said letter of introduction.

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It was pointed out to [redacted] that this office would not be in a position to furnish him the letter promised him by CVETIC, and that he would have to obtain said letter from CVETIC himself. It was further pointed out to [redacted] that CVETIC was not an employee of this Bureau, although he had been a Bureau informant up until January, 1950.

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The indices of the Pittsburgh Office contain no references to [redacted], and the above is being furnished as a matter of information.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : The Director

DATE: September 22, 1953

FROM : D. M. Ladd

SUBJECT: TESTIMONY OF PAUL CROUCH
AND MATTHEW CVETIC BEFORE
THE SENATE INTERNAL SECURITY
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Reference is made to the attached newspaper article dated September 21, 1953, reflecting that Paul Crouch and Matthew Cvetic had recently testified before the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee. You inquired as to whether Crouch and Cvetic had previously reported the information to us.

PAUL CROUCH:

Crouch testified that he was sent to Birmingham, Alabama, in 1938 to identify the writer of a series of unsigned articles which appeared in the "Atlanta Georgian" written by a Communist and which were critical of Communism. He said that after the writer was identified as a member of a private organization known as the Columbians, he, Robert Hall and two representatives of the Soviet Secret Police met in Birmingham to decide what should be done with him. They considered having the Soviet Secret Police murder him but Crouch protested and it was finally decided to merely expel him from the Party.

This identical information was furnished by Crouch to agents of the Washington Field Office on July 9, 1952. He was reinterviewed on October 15, 1952, by Bureau agents concerning the incident but was unable to remember the name of the Party member who wrote the articles. He was also unable to furnish the identity of the two representatives of the Soviet Secret Police.

MATTHEW CVETIC:

Cvetic testified that shortly after the Communists took control of China, Steve Nelson, at a meeting in Pittsburgh, stated "In 1950 we are going to have to liquidate 20 million people's enemies in China to solidify control there." Cvetic said that "people's enemies" referred to non-Communists.

By report dated December 21, 1948, Cvetic furnished substantially the same information to our Pittsburgh Office. Although he did not mention the figure 20 million he reported that at a Communist meeting in Pittsburgh on December 21, 1948, Nelson said "Within a year there will be one of the biggest liquidations of people's enemies in China, comparable only to the Russian Revolution of 1917." This is, in all probability, the meeting referred to by Cvetic in his testimony.

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None. This is for your information.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: October 2, 1953

FROM : SAC, Pittsburgh (67-2584)

REGISTERED MAILSUBJECT: MATTHEW CVETIC
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Remylet captioned, "Mt. Lebanon, Pa., Public Library; Information Concerning", September 22, 1953.

There is attached hereto a photostatic copy of an article captioned "Red Books in Library? Mt. Lebanon Boils Over", which appeared in the "Pittsburgh Sun-Telegraph" issue of September 13, 1953, on page 1, columns 2, 3 and 4, and on page 10, columns 4-8, inclusive, which article contains statements made by MATTHEW CVETIC.

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'Red Books in Library? Mt. Lebanon Boils Over

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American Volumes Rejected, Woman Declares

By J. JAMES MOORE

The Mt. Lebanon Public Library is "loaded" with books by Communist fellow travelers, Dr. Kathryn M. Mitchell, a Mt. Lebanon housewife, charged today.

By comparison there are very few books in the Municipal Bldg. library by pro-American authors selling liberty, freedom and our democratic way of life, she said.

Her disclosure shook the well-to-do and staid Republican stronghold like the burst of an atom bomb. The comment of most citizens in the township was, "How can it happen here?"

HOW DID IT HAPPEN?

But the biggest explosion in the library book controversy is expected Tuesday night when Dr. Mitchell and a group of women go before the 17-member Public Library Board. She said:

"There are at least 40 volumes by pro-Communist authors. We would like to know how so many of these books got on the shelves. And why are there not more books telling our (American) side of the story?"

She said she even offered to

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give the library an armful of new books by solid American authors like John T. Flyr George Racey Jordan and Paul Harvey but her generosity was refused. She said:

"I was told they have what the citizens of Mt. Lebanon demanded when I protested some of the books were by known pro-Communist authors"

AMERICAN SHELF

She said she wonders if the people want books by Owen Lattimore, Louis Adamic, Shirley Graham, Agnes Smedley, Henrietta Buckmaster, Anna Louise Strong and other writers who follow the Commie line. She said:

"I honestly don't think the people of Mt. Lebanon want their books in preference to books by good American authors."

"I'm not for throwing these books out or burning books. But the library should have an Americanism shelf or as many books by pro-American writers as it has books by the pro-Communist authors."

'ONE-WOMAN' PROBE

Dr. Mitchell is married to L. Clair Mitchell, a businessman. They live at 114 Neulon Ave. and have a seven-year-old daughter.

She has a doctor's degree in economics and was a former professor at Dumbarton College, Washington, D. C.

Highly skilled in research work, her "one-woman" probe of the Mt. Lebanon Library didn't start last week or last month. She said:

"It all started in October of last year when I first discovered so many books by fellow travelers. I was looking up some material on the United Nations at the time."

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FANTASTIC CHARGE

Mrs. H. G. Woeckner, president of the Mt. Lebanon Library Board, who writes a book review column in the Mt. Lebanon News published by Cong. James G. Fulton, called Dr. Mitchell's charges "fantastic." She said:

"Book burning has finally reached Mt. Lebanon. We do have one dissatisfied library user. Our library is no different than any other library in the country. They select their books the same way out of the same periodicals."

Asked if there are any books by pro-Communist authors in the library, Mrs. Woeckner replied:

"Off-hand, I don't know of any books written by Communists. If a library should not have books giving knowledge to people why have books—why have a library?"

SHOULD THINK TWICE

She continued:

"If the people in Mt. Lebanon are not intelligent enough to know what to read then we might as well close up."

"People should think twice before they throw accusations around and when they are picking out subversive books."

She said the library books are selected by a committee composed of herself, Mrs. John C. Daub, who is in charge of the library; Mrs. L. L. Greer, of 333 Oak Forest Drive and Mrs. William J. Kenney, of 46 Castle Shannon Blvd.

These women are all members of the Public Library Board. The other members are: Dr. Ralph D. Horsman, superintendent of the Mt. Lebanon schools; W. Kaye Estep, Township Commissioner E. I. H. Bennett, Edward H. Buck, Mrs. J. H. Graves, the Rev. J. Bender Miller, Mrs. Charles H. Weaver, C. Henry Bonner, Assistant Fire Chief Samuel C. Hasley, Robert M. Jenner, Mrs. D. C. Lewis, Beckley Smith and Mrs. Nathan Weston.

LIST OF RED WRITERS

Since Mrs. Woeckner doesn't know of any books by pro-Commie writers, Dr. Mitchell said she will supply her with a big list of them at the Tuesday night meeting.

Among the books in the library is one by Henrietta Buckmaster, who was a supporter of 19 Communist front organizations.

There are also nine volumes by Louis Adamic, who was found shot to death under mysterious circumstances in New Jersey farmhouse two years ago. Elizabeth Bentley named Adamic as a Soviet agent before a House committee.

CHECKED COMMIE LINE

Matt Cvetic, the former FBI undercover agent, also identified Adamic as a Soviet spy. He said:

"Adamic sent his manuscripts to the Communist print shop at 1916 East St., North Side, and we used to check over them to make sure they followed the Commie line. The fellow who checked them with me was Tony Minerich, a Soviet agent who is now in Chicago."

Cvetic said he is bitterly opposed to putting books by known Communist writers in public libraries. He said:

"You might as well put books in the library on the fine art of committing robbery and murder. You just can't put books like these in the hands of thoughtless students without interpreting them."

LATTIMORE BOOKS

Owen Lattimore, Cvetic said, is a "past master at couching the Commie line in clever language." He said:

"On three different occasions I testified before congressional committees that Lattimore's books were used in Communist Party classes in Pittsburgh to get the Commie line on China. The Jewish Cultural Center in Squirrel Hill is one of the places where the Lattimore books were used."

There are three books in the Mt. Lebanon library by Lattimore. One of them, "Ordeal by Slander," was placed in the library Sept. 16, 1950, after Lattimore was accused by the

United States Senate Subcommittee on Internal Security of being a Soviet spy.

PRAISES CHINA REDS

Dr. Mitchell said that on Feb. 17, 1953, when American soldiers were dying in Korea, a book glorifying the Communist conquest of China was placed on the shelf of the library. The book is, "Two Years with the Chinese Communists" by Claire and William Bond, an English physicist and his wife.

One quotation from the book reads:

"The Communists for their part have worked miracles among the farmers, making golden opportunities for the common people out of calamitous adversities inflicted upon them by the enemy."

MORE PRO-U. S. BOOKS

Mrs. C. R. Perryman, of 430 Morrison Dr., a neighbor of Mrs. Mitchell's, said:

"It's amazing and astounding that there are so many pro-Communist books in the library. I wonder how it happened?"

"And I agree with Mrs. Mitchell that we need more good books which tell the people about the advantages

of our democracy compared with living in Russia."

BOOKS NOT REFUSED

Mrs. Daub said that Dr. Mitchell is wrong in stating that the library refused to accept her pro-America books. She said:

"It will have to wait until after the board meeting."

She also defended the type of books put on the shelves of the library. She said:

"There has been a policy making organization that determined the kind of books we bought—that's the Public Library Board. The board members have felt satisfied with the books selected. There has never been any complaint by the board members."

Mrs. Daub quoted from a speech made by President Eisenhower in defense of putting books in the library—even the books by the Commie fellow travelers.

IKE'S STATEMENT

The President stated:

"Don't join the book burners. Don't think you are going to conceal faults by concealing evidence that they ever existed. Don't be afraid

to go into your library and read every book as long as any document does not offend our own ideas of decency. That should be the only censorship."

Dr. Mitchell's reply was that

she is not advocating book burning or even throwing the pro-Communist books out of the library. She said:

"But let's tell the people both sides—not just the Communist side."

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TO : Director, FBI

DATE: October 12, 1953

FROM : SAC, Pittsburgh (67-2584A)

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Enclosed find one photostatic copy of an article which appeared in the "Pittsburgh Press" issue of October 1, 1953, page 2, column 8, and one photostatic copy of an article which appeared in the "Pittsburgh Sun-Telegraph" issue of October 4, 1953, page 8, columns 1 and 2. These articles concern [redacted] (Bufile 100-380065) and MATTHEW CVETIC.

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Oakmont Steelworkers Back Committee

Union Throws Out President as Red

Frank Svoboda, president of CIO United Steelworkers, Local 1246, at Oakmont, yesterday was ousted from office and expelled from union membership on charges of being a member of the Communist party.

The action was taken at a special membership meeting of the local, called to hear a recommendation of a trial committee.

The membership supported the committee recommendation by a secret ballot vote of 116 to 44, with four ballots void.

Svoboda, who denied the charges, will have 30 days in which to appeal to union's international executive board.

Andrew Keene, a vice president of the local, which represents production workers at Edgewater Steel Co., becomes acting president.

The five-man trial committee, which heard evidence at a union meeting Sept. 19, submitted this recommendation:

"We, members of the trial committee, have found that evidence presented by the accuser has proved beyond any reasonable doubt that the accused did hold office while being a member of a subversive organization.

"On the basis of the evidence, we, the trial committee, recommend that the accused Frank Svoboda be removed from office in the local union and expelled from membership in the international union."

The committee was comprised of Howard Kendall, Russell Savage, William Kennedy, Stanley Mosakowsky and Keene.

Before the membership vote was taken, Svoboda repeated his denial of Communist Party membership or any subversive action. He presented several members in his defense.

The charges against Svoboda grew out of his being identified as a Communist member by Matt Cvetlic, former FBI undercover agent. Among Cvetlic's charges was that he attended meetings with Steve Nelson, then Western Pennsylvania party chairman, at which Svoboda was present.

Paul Stackhouse, an international union staff representative, also told the trial board that he was informed from government sources that Svoboda was issued Communist Party card No. 74053.

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Accused Head Of CIO Local To Learn Fate

Svoboda Charged With Being Commie

The president of a CIO United Steelworkers Local at Oakmont, charged with being a card-carrying Communist, will learn his status with the union at a special meeting Saturday morning.

Accusations were made against Frank Svoboda at a union hearing Sept. 19 before a union "trial board."

Rank and file members of Local 1246, representing employees at the Edgewater Steel Co., Oakmont, will accept or reject the findings and recommendations of the trial board Saturday at 9 a. m.

Identified by Cvetic

The meeting will be closed to non-members.

Svoboda was identified as a member of the Communist Party by Matt Cvetic, former under-cover agent for the FBI.

Referring to him as "Comrade Svoboda," Mr. Cvetic at the preliminary hearing told of attending meetings with Steve Nelson, party chairman in Western Pennsylvania, and other party leaders at which Svoboda was present.

USW Regional Director Paul Stackhouse also testified before the union trial board that he had been informed by Government sources that the defendant had held Communist Party card No. 74053.

Mr. Cvetic, in his testimony, said that resolutions opposing Marshall Plan aid and denouncing Phillip Murray for making a 17-cent steel wage settlement in 1946 which "Comrade" Svoboda presented to the union were prepared by the Communist Party's Steel Commission.

Svoboda, denying the charges, produced witnesses who testified he never had tried to recruit them into the Communist Party or tell them about the party line.

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TO : Director, FBI

DATE: October 6, 1953

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Enclosed herewith is a photostatic copy of an article which appeared in the September 20, 1953, issue of the "Pittsburgh Sun-Telegraph," page 11, columns 1 and 2, concerning FRANK SVOBODA (Bufile 100-380065) and MATTHEW CVETIC. *gn*

Additional articles containing substantially the same information appeared in the "Pittsburgh Press," issues of September 19, 1953, page 2, column 7, and September 20, 1953, page 2, column 1.

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TO : MR. ROSEN

DATE: October 22,

FROM : C. H. Stanley

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Miss Gandy _____SYNOPSIS:

Matthew Cvetic was confidential informant of the Pittsburgh Office from February, 1943, to January, 1950. By letters dated October 7, 1953, the Pittsburgh Office identified a number of past loyalty investigations wherein Cvetic furnished disloyal information concerning individuals who, according to Bureau files, remain in Government employment and some of whom have resigned from Federal employment. In these cases, Cvetic's identity was protected by a T symbol, he was described as reliable, and in most cases was shown as unavailable for testimony before a Loyalty Hearing Board. If the agencies concerned are now advised of the identity of Matthew Cvetic, they may desire to have him testify in connection with the consideration of cases under the present Security of Government Employees Program (Executive Order 10450). Cvetic's identity may also be of interest to the Department in connection with the consideration of any possible fraud violation in these cases. Cvetic was discontinued as a confidential informant due to indiscretion on his part and the fact that he had disclosed his confidential relationship with the Bureau on several occasions. Since being discontinued, he has appeared before numerous public groups and the House Committee on Un-American Activities furnishing information on Communism. The Department was advised on numerous occasions as to the undesirable aspects of using him as a witness in Smith Act cases insofar as his character and reputation were concerned, but notwithstanding this fact, it still used him as a witness in the recent Pittsburgh Smith Act trial.

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RECOMMENDATION:

That the Civil Service Commission and the Department be advised, with respect to the individual loyalty cases involved, of the identity of Matthew Cvetic and his last known permanent address be furnished to the Civil Service Commission. Appropriate letters are attached.

DETAILS:

Matthew Cvetic, whose last known permanent address was the William Penn Hotel, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, served as a confidential informant of the Pittsburgh Office of the Bureau from February, 1943, to January, 1950. Since the initiation of the Loyalty Program (Executive Order 9835) in 1947, Cvetic has furnished disloyal information concerning individuals who, according to Bureau files, remain in Government employment.

By letters dated October 7, 1953, Pittsburgh identified a number of closed loyalty cases in which Matthew Cvetic furnished information where his identity was protected by a T symbol and in which he was described as of known reliability. In some of these cases he was shown as unavailable for testifying before a Loyalty Hearing Board. These have been reviewed and there follows a brief outline of the information he furnished in the following cases in which, so far as is shown in Bureau files, the individuals remain in Government employment:

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Applicant, War Assets Administration, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Cvetic, contacted in 1948, recalled [redacted] as an employee of the Pennsylvania State Employment Service in the Pittsburgh area from about 1938 to 1940; that during that time, [redacted] was closely associated with [redacted] and [redacted] who were active Communist Party members. Cvetic said he never knew [redacted] to be a member of the Communist Party nor to have engaged in any Communist activities.

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[redacted] Post Office Department, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Cvetic contacted in 1948, said that [redacted] had attended a meeting of the Committee of the Pittsburgh Chapter of the Civil Rights Congress which was held at the Baptist Church, 2510 Center Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on April 16, and 30, 1948. Cvetic said from his observations, [redacted] had been friendly with [redacted] a white girl, and that [redacted] had dated her. Cvetic advised that according to [redacted] was told to stay away from meetings of the Civil Rights Congress because of his work. Cvetic advised that [redacted] had attended the meetings of the Civil Rights Congress in the company of [redacted], but did not know whether or not [redacted] was a member of the Communist Party. Cvetic further advised that Bernice [redacted] had regularly attended meetings of the Pittsburgh Chapter of the Civil Rights Congress since April, 1948; that on July 4, 1948, she was one member of a committee of the Civil Rights Congress to arrange for the appearance of [redacted] a reported member of the Communist Party, in Pittsburgh on August 7-10, 1948. Cvetic further advised that [redacted] had been recommended as the future Publicity Chairman for the Civil Rights Congress, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

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[redacted], aka [redacted],
Bureau of Mines, U. S. Department of the Interior, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Cvetic in 1943 advised that [redacted] was a member of the Young Communist League

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and a friend of Andy Novak, a known Communist Party member. He also advised that the employee was one of 25 persons who attended a New Years Day party in 1948 at the home of Roy Bannerman Hudson, then District Chairman of the Communist Party, who resided at Cheswick, Pennsylvania. Cvetic said that all those present were friends of [redacted] and practically all were members of the Communist Party. Upon recontact in 1949, Cvetic could furnish no additional information.

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✓ [redacted]
[redacted] Survey Postal Transport, Post Office Department, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Cvetic furnished in 1949 a list containing the names of 33 individuals who had purportedly signed their names, which, according to Cvetic, indicated they had attended either a conference or a meeting of the Civil Rights Congress of Western Pennsylvania during the past year. He advised that the conference or meeting of the Civil Rights Congress of Western Pennsylvania was held in the Fall of 1948 or sometime in 1949. Included among the signatures on this list were the names of [redacted] and [redacted] Pittsburgh, Pa." The employee listed this address on his loyalty form for the period 1946-50.

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✓ [redacted]
[redacted] Department of the Air Force, Maxwell Air Force Base, Montgomery, Alabama. Cvetic advised in 1949 that a meeting of the Pennsylvania Progressive Committee for Wallace, sponsored by the Progressive Citizens of America, was held at the Hotel Harrisburger, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, and that among the members present from the Pittsburgh chapter was [redacted]. Cvetic further advised that [redacted] of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, who was Chairman of the Pittsburgh Young Progressive Citizens of America and Vice Chairman of the Progressive Citizens of America was, on March 7, 1948, a delegate at the "Call to People Convention" which was held at the William Penn High School, York, Pennsylvania, and that the convention was sponsored by the Pennsylvania Wallace Committee. Cvetic advised that the Communist Party has functioning in Pennsylvania what is known as a political commission which is responsible for carrying out the Communist Party line in the Progressive Party.

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✓ [redacted], Special Inquiry - State Department, Public Law 402, 80th Congress (Voice of America). Cvetic advised in 1949 that he had little contact with [redacted] when the latter was in Pittsburgh and knew of no Communist Party activities on [redacted] part. He stated that in 1944 or 1945, [redacted] signed a sponsor's card for the American Committee for Yugoslav Relief, Inc. Reports in this case were furnished to the Civil Service Commission for consideration under the Loyalty Program (Executive Order 9835).

Matthew Cvetic furnished disloyal information in the following two cases, the subjects of which are, according to the Bureau's files, no longer employed by the Government:

✓ [redacted] War Department, Washington, D. C. Cvetic in 1944 advised that [redacted] was a member of the Communist Party and that she was also associated with well-known Communists in Pittsburgh. Upon recontact in 1948, Cvetic recalled having reported in 1944 that [redacted] was then a member of the Squirrel Hill Branch, District #5, Communist Party; that [redacted] had attended a mass rally of the Communist Party held at Schenley High School, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, in December, 1943, at which meeting William Z. Foster, National Chairman, Communist Party - USA, appeared as the principal speaker. Cvetic advised that [redacted] who was Chairman of said meeting also spoke along with [redacted] who was then Executive Secretary of the Communist Party in Pittsburgh. Cvetic further advised that [redacted] was formerly an associate of Sidney Horowitz, an active Communist in the Pittsburgh area. He said he could furnish no additional information concerning [redacted] since she left Pittsburgh. Reports covering the results of this investigation were furnished to the Civil Service Commission on April 14, 1948, and to the Department on February 3, 1949. By letter dated June 24, 1949, the Civil Service Commission advised that [redacted] had "Resigned or otherwise separated from Federal service prior to decision on loyalty." By memorandum dated

April 27, 1949, the Department advised that examination of the reports failed to disclose any available evidence of a violation of Section 1001, Title 18, (18 USC 80, 1946 Ed.), or any other Federal statute, and under the circumstances, the Department was closing its file subject to reopening in the event additional information so warranting was received.

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_____, aka _____, Department of the Army, Fort Belvoir, Virginia. Cvetic advised in 1948 that the name _____ Industrial Engineer, Washington, D. C., appeared among the signers of the American-Slav Congress "Declaration of Support to the American Delegation to the San Francisco Conference" in May, 1945. Cvetic advised that the names of many well-known Communists and sympathizers within the United States appeared among the signers of this declaration.

Reports covering the results of this investigation were furnished to the Civil Service Commission by letter dated May 8, 1948, and to the Department by memorandum dated January 10, 1949. By letter dated February 3, 1950, the Civil Service Commission advised that Bester had "Resigned or otherwise separated from Federal service prior to decision on loyalty." By memorandum dated April 1, 1949, the Department advised that an examination of the reports failed to disclose any available evidence of a violation of Section 1001, Title 18, (18 USC 80, 1946 Ed.), or any other Federal statute, and under the circumstances, the Department was closing its file subject to reopening in the event additional information so warranting was received.

Should the agencies wherein individuals are now employed concerning whom Cvetic in the past furnished disloyal information be apprised of the identity of Matthew Cvetic, they might desire to initiate action in an effort to have him testify before officials of the agencies regarding the information he previously furnished. In addition, in those cases in which copies of the reports were furnished to the Department for its information and consideration as to whether the evidence developed indicated a violation of any Federal law, the Department would probably be interested in knowing the identity of Cvetic and his possible availability for testimony.

It is noted that it is doubtful any prosecution would result in these cases even though the Department is notified of Cvetic's identity as the Statute of Limitations (3 years) would have to be considered as well as the fact that Cvetic's testimony would have to prove the individual falsified his or her application for Government employment in denying he had ever belonged to the Communist Party.

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TO NEW YORK OCTOBER 7 LAST. MATTHEW GVETIC PRESENTLY RESIDES
ROOM 705, WILLIAM PENN HOTEL, PITTSBURGH, PA.

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Matt Cvetik Coming to City on Oct. 21

FBI Undercover Agent to Talk Here On Seven Years in Communist Party

After seven years in the Communist Party, while working as an undercover agent, will be the subject of a lecture by Matt Cvetik on Wednesday, Oct. 21 at 8 p.m.

The lecture, which is sponsored by the Burlington Junior Chamber of Commerce, will be given in the auditorium of the Burlington High School.

Cvetik will tell how he worked as a government agent while posing as a Communist in Pittsburgh and how at the end of seven years' service he succeeded in bringing about the federal arrest of five top Red agents in this country.

AUTHOR OF BOOK

He is the author of the report on his activities, "I was a Communist for the FBI," which was published as a book and in a magazine serial. His account was also presented on the radio and in motion pictures.

Tickets for the lecture may be purchased from any Junior Chamber of Commerce member, at Humphrey's on Church St., or at the UVM bookstore.

Guests at last night's Junior Chamber of Commerce dinner

meeting were four local football coaches. They were Carl Adams, Burlington High School; Bill Landers, Cathedral High School; Stan Yankowski, Winooksi High School, and Doc Jacobs, St. Michael's College.

President Robert Stanley announced the new committee chaired for the coming year's Junior Chamber of Commerce activities.

They are: John Weinheimer, Public Relations, Edwin Blakely, Extension, Kenneth Akay, Civic Affairs, Joseph Flint, Special Events, Richard Jackson, Program, and Walter Moulton, Membership.

Cleo King, President of the Vermont State Junior Chamber of Commerce, was also a guest at the meeting.

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 BURLINGTON, VT.

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DATE 7-31-89 BY SP2mac/lrs

[Redacted]

Pine Grove, Pennsylvania

Dear [Redacted]

I appreciate the interest which prompted
your letter of October 10, 1953.

For your information, Matt Guetic was
never employed as a Special Agent for this Bureau.
He did, however, assist us as an informant from
February, 1943, until January, 1950, and he was
compensated for information furnished by him during
that time. I am not aware of his current whereabouts.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

cc - Philadelphia, with copy of incoming.

NOTE: The only record in Bufiles on correspondent reflects
that by letter of October 5, 1953, she requested a representa-
tive of this Bureau to speak before the members of the
Senior Class of Pine Grove High School. She was advised by
letter of October 8, 1953, to contact our Philadelphia Office.

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[REDACTED]
Pine Grove Pa.
Oct. 10. 1953.

Personal Dept.
Federal Bureau Invest.
Washington. DC.

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DATE 2-21-88 BY SP3mas/

Dear Sir,

At the American Legion Convention two years ago I had the privilege of listening to Matt Cevette and since I have read his story.

I feel that Mr Cevette could be an excellent influence for High School Youngster and so I would like to secure his services as a speaker for Armistice Day.

Thru a mutual friend [REDACTED] of Pittsburgh I tried to contact him but found that he was in Washington. Would his fee be too great for us to pay or would he department permit him to come?

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Or am I wrong in assuming he is still connected with your department?

Very Truly Yours.

/s/

[REDACTED]

Pine Grove Pa.
Feb. 10. 1953.

Personal Dept.
Federal Bureau Invest
Washington. DC

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DATE 7-31-85 BY SP-1

Dear Sir. MATT CVETIC B-1

At the American Legion
Convention two years ago I
had the privilege of listening
to Matt Cvetic and since
I have read his story.

I feel that Mr Cvetic
could be an excellent influence
for High School youngsters
and so I would like to secure
his services as a speaker for
Armistice Day.

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Through a mutual friend
[redacted] of Pittsburgh

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found that he was in
Washington. Would his fee
be too great for EX-102 to pay?
Would the department permit
him to come?

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See Ann. I wrong in assuming
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your department?

Very Truly Yours.

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October 27, 1953

Salem, Oregon

MATT CVETIC

MATTHEW CVETIC

Dear Sir;

I am a student at Sacred Heart Co. in Salem, Oregon, and I am requesting, if you would be able to give me, information on Matt Cvetic to me. I am writing a term paper of twenty five hundred words, and I would like to write on Matt Cvetic's life. I have a little information on him now. I lesson to the radio program, "I was a Communist for the I. B. E." and his life sounds like a very interesting one. I start my paper sometime before Christmas, and if you can possibly send me information on Matt Cvetic I would be very grateful. Any kind of information, such as: why he became a Communist for the I. B. E., some on his life, and a few of his experiences during the nine years of a Communist for the I. B. E.

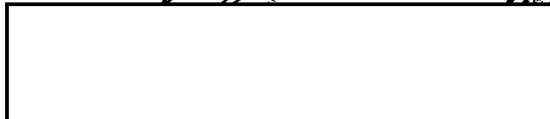
Thank you very much for your cooperation. This information is not side the school, like "I speak for Democracy," would. Thank you again.

Sincerely yours

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Salem, Oregon

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-372409)

DATE: November 18, 1953

FROM : SAC, Pittsburgh (67-2584)

SUBJECT: MATTHEW CVETIC
FORMER SECURITY INFORMANTALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
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Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Nichols	✓
Mr. Belmont	✓
Mr. Clegg	✓
Mr. Glavin	✓
Mr. Harbo	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Tracy	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. Trotter	✓
Mr. Winterrowd	✓
Tele. Room	✓
Mr. Holloman	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

On November 16, 1953, this office received a copy of a letter, dated November 14, 1953, which MATTHEW CVETIC had sent to RICHARD ARENS, Counselor, Senate Subcommittee on the Judiciary, Senate Office Building, Washington, D. C. Said letter reads as follows:

"Dear Mr. Arens:

Re: Harry Alan Sherman

"Because subject is unreliable, irresponsible and at times flagrantly untruthful, I would rather not participate in any future proceedings in which he is a participant.

"It is because I am sincerely interested in the security of this nation that I must take this course.

"If I can be of any help to your committee at any time do not hesitate to call on me.

"Sincerely,

/s/ Matt Cvetic

Matt Cvetic.

"cc: FBI"

Above is furnished for Bureau's information.

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Director, FBI (100-381185)

November 10, 1953

SAC, Pittsburgh (134-14)

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(Origin: Pittsburgh)

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On 11/5/53 MATTHEW CVETIC, former Security Informant C-113, while being interviewed by SA's [redacted] and [redacted] in the case entitled "BEN GOLD; Labor Management Relations Act, 1947 (SM)," Bufile 122-308, voluntarily gave the following information concerning [redacted], former Security Informant [redacted].

CVETIC stated that [redacted] came "crying on his shoulder" shortly after his appearance before Judge THOMAS M. MARSHALL in the local courts. CVETIC also stated that he "bawled out"; that it was no one's fault but his [redacted] own that he became involved in his recent legal proceedings, and further that he told [redacted] that he could not expect the "FBI to lie for him"; that [redacted] should break away from HARRY ALLAN SHERMAN, attorney; that if he had any disagreements with the Bureau, that he could go directly to the Agents who handle him and not to SHERMAN; that in the future, if he [redacted] is called upon to testify, he should give only facts and not let SHERMAN put words into his mouth, and that if he gives an opinion, he should state it is an opinion and not fact. b7D

CVETIC also stated that he told [redacted] that the Bureau was working for the welfare of the entire country and not just for one individual. b7D

CVETIC further stated that he told [redacted] that he was not a "kid" and that he should act mature.

The above was furnished voluntarily by CVETIC and he was not interrogated concerning said matter.

The above is being submitted for the Bureau's information.

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Salem, Oregon

Dear [Redacted]

Your letter dated October 27, 1953, has been received.

In connection with your request, I wish to advise that Matthew Cvetic was never employed as a Special Agent of the FBI. He did, however, assist this Bureau as an informant from February, 1943, to January, 1950, and during that time was compensated for information furnished by him. We have no material available for distribution relative to Mr. Cvetic's life or activities.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-372409)

DATE: December 14, 1953

FROM : SAC, Pittsburgh (67-2584A)

SUBJECT: MATTHEW CVETIC
FORMER PITTSBURGH SECURITY
INFORMANT C-113ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
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Mr. Winterrowd	_____
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Mr. Holloman	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

On December 14, 1953, MATTHEW CVETIC, former Pittsburgh Security Informant C-113, was interviewed by SAs [redacted] and [redacted] in his Room 705, William Penn Hotel, Pittsburgh, Pa., in connection with the case entitled "[redacted] SECURITY MATTER - C," Pittsburgh file 100-10526 and Bufile 100-375513.

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During the interview CVETIC voluntarily advised that he was going to New York, New York, on December 15, 1953, to contact a publisher, since he planned to publish a book along educational lines, which book would attack Communism from a "practical point of view." CVETIC further advised that he planned to use quotations from "Lenin" as headings for the chapters in said book and that he would then relate the tactics used by the CP-USA to try to get a point across, such as methods used by the CP to infiltrate industry, religion, etc.

The above is being furnished as matter of information.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : D. M. Ladd

December 4, 1953

FROM : A. H. Belmont

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SUBJECT: ARTHUR OSMAN, [REDACTED]
 BEN GOLD, [REDACTED]
 MAURICE TRAVIS, [REDACTED]
 NAME CHECK REQUEST FROM TEXAS
 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

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By teletype dated 12-2-53, the Texas Department of Public Safety requested criminal records and all other information which may be released on captioned individuals who are officials of three labor unions, the Distributive Processing and Office Workers of America (DPOWA), the International Fur and Leather Workers (IFLW) and the International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers (IUMMSW).

Investigations have been conducted concerning all of these unions. The above individuals have been subjects of security and Labor Management Relations Act investigations except possibly [REDACTED] who was not identified in the general indices on the basis of the data furnished. Gold, [REDACTED] and Osman are on the Security Index.

This request appears to be tied in with the action being taken by Governor Allan Shivers of Texas against the above unions. [REDACTED] Security Officer, Internal Security Section, Texas Department of Public Safety, advised that on 12-4-53, there will be a hearing before a State Industrial Commission appointed by Shivers to determine the extent of Communist influence in the above unions. The hearings are being held as a predication for court action to remove from the State of Texas any organization found to have Communist officials. The captioned individuals have been asked to appear. Former Bureau informants Harvey Matusow and Matt Cvetic and Louis Budenz will also appear.

In view of this situation, it is believed advisable to furnish only identification record information concerning captioned individuals in reply to this request.

Action:

There is attached a teletype reply which furnishes only identification record information and which furnishes no information from Bureau investigative or intelligence files.

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BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

December 4, 1953

Transmit the following message to:

SAC, SAN ANTONIO

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100-372407-1

HEARING BEFORE STATE INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION, AUSTIN, TEXAS, 12/4/53,
RE COMMUNISTIC INFLUENCE IN THREE INTERNATIONAL LABOR UNIONS,
INTERNAL SECURITY - C. REURAIRTEL 12/2 LAST, CAPTIONED AS ABOVE.
YOU ARE INSTRUCTED TO DISCREETLY FOLLOW THE HEARINGS OF THE STATE
INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION WITH REGARD TO THE THREE UNIONS MENTIONED IN
REFERENCED AIRTEL. BUREAU DOES NOT DESIRE THAT AGENT PERSONNEL
COVER THE HEARINGS; HOWEVER, BUREAU AND INTERESTED OFFICES SHOULD BE
PROMPTLY ADVISED OF ANY INFO OBTAINED THROUGH ESTABLISHED SOURCES.
IF FEASIBLE THE TRANSCRIPT OF THE HEARINGS SHOULD BE REVIEWED TO
OBTAIN ANY INFORMATION NOT PREVIOUSLY AVAILABLE CONCERNING INSTANT
UNIONS AND TO OBTAIN INVESTIGATIVE LEADS. BUREAU SHOULD BE ADVISED
FULLY CONCERNING ANY "FRIENDLY" WITNESSES WHO MAY BE DEVELOPED
AT THESE HEARINGS SO THAT APPROPRIATE CONSIDERATION CAN BE GIVEN TO
HAVING THEM INTERVIEWED. CONTINUE TO ADVISE BUREAU OF DEVELOPMENTS.

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UNITED STATES INVESTIGATION JUSTICE

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[] DPOWA; [] IUMMSW; MAURICE TRAVIS, IUMMSW;
[] DPOWA. AS A MATTER OF INFORMATION TO THE BUREAU,
HARVEY MATUSOW, MATT CVETIC, AND LOUIS BUDENZ ARE VOLUNTEER
WITNESSES APPEARING BEFORE THE COMMITTEE. [] STATED
THAT MATUSOW IS SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE IN SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS,
8:30 P.M., DECEMBER 2, 1953, CVETIC AND BUDENZ ARRIVING
AUSTIN DECEMBER 5, 1953. THE ABOVE BEING FURNISHED AS A MATTER
OF INFORMATION TO THE BUREAU.

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CC: MR. BELMONT
AND SUPERVISOR *M. B. Miller*
DOM INTEL DIVISION

Approved: _____
Special Agent in Charge

Sent _____ M Per _____

FEDERAL BUREAU OF
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Mr. Tolson
Mr. Ladd
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Mr. Belmont
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Glavin
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Miss Gandy

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Transmit the following ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~:

FBI, SAN ANTONIO ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED 12/2/53
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DIRECTOR, FBI DATE 7-31-89 BY SP7MAC/HB

HEARING BEFORE STATE INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION, AUSTIN, TEXAS
DECEMBER 4, 1953, RE COMMUNISTIC INFLUENCE IN THREE INTER-
NATIONAL LABOR UNIONS. [REDACTED] SECURITY OFFICER,
INTERNAL SECURITY SECTION, TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY,
AUSTIN, TEXAS, ADVISED THAT ON DECEMBER 4, 1953, THERE WILL
BE A HEARING BEFORE A STATE INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION APPOINTED
BY THE GOVERNOR OF TEXAS IN AUSTIN, TEXAS, TO DETERMINE THE
EXTENT OF COMMUNISTIC INFLUENCE IN THE LEADERSHIP OF THREE
INTERNATIONAL LABOR UNIONS, NAMELY: DISTRIBUTIVE, PROCESSING,
AND OFFICE WORKERS INTERNATIONAL; INTERNATIONAL FUR AND LEATHER
WORKERS UNION; AND THE INTERNATIONAL UNION OF MINE, MILL,
AND SMELTER WORKERS. THE HEARINGS ARE BEING HELD AS A PREDICATION
FOR COURT ACTION TO BAR FROM THE STATE OF TEXAS ANY ORGANIZATION
FOUND TO HAVE COMMUNIST OFFICIALS. [REDACTED] STATED THAT THE
FOLLOWING UNION OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN ASKED TO APPEAR, AND
ACCORDING TO A NEWSPAPER ARTICLE IN AUSTIN, TEXAS, DECEMBER 1,
1953, MOST OF THEM ARE LIKELY TO APPEAR: ARTHUR OSMAN, PRESIDENT

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Special Agent in Charge

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Mr. Belmont
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LABOR FOURTH LEAGUE
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950
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Relative to the forthcoming proceeding against the captioned organization before the Subversive Activities Control Board, there are attached memoranda reflecting payments made to the following prospective witnesses while they were actively engaged in obtaining information in behalf of this Bureau:

[Redacted]

Harvey H. Matusow

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Matthew Cuetic

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Herbert Philbrick

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SECURITY INFORMATION - CONFIDENTIAL

FROM : [redacted] Johnson

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Form 4-777~~

SUBJECT: Labor Youth League
Internal Security - C
Internal Security Act - 1950

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In accordance with the request of Supervisor [redacted] of the Domestic Intelligence Division, there is attached a list of payments made to informants who are to be used in the forthcoming proceedings before the Subversive Activities Control Board in Washington, D. C., on November 30, 1953. *1612*

The attached summary reflects payments made to [redacted] Matthew Cvetic, [redacted] Harvey M. Matusow, [redacted] Herbert Philbrick, [redacted] and [redacted] while they were actively engaged in obtaining information in behalf of the Bureau. *1615*

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Please note that the payments have been listed either as payments for services rendered or payments for expenses incurred by the informant in the performance of services.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, Pittsburgh (67-2584)

SUBJECT: MATTHEW CVETIC
Former Security Informant

DATE: December 31, 1953

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a There are forwarded herewith for the Bureau's information two photostatic copies of a press release dated December 30, 1953, which contains the complete text of a radio address delivered by captioned individual over Radio Station WCAE, Pittsburgh, Pa., at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, December 29, 1953.

It is noted that the above press release was received in this office via the U. S. Mails on December 30, 1953, and apparently was directed to this office by CVETIC.

There is also enclosed herewith an article captioned, "Cvetic Praises Negroes Here for Patriotism," which appeared at Column 1, Page 9, of the December 30, 1953, issue of the Pittsburgh Press.

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Cvetic Praises Negroes Here For Patriotism

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Were Communists**

Pittsburgh should be proud of the loyalty of its Negro residents, former FBI Undercover Man Matt Cvetic says.

Mr. Cvetic told a radio audience last night that even when the Communist Party was at peak strenght in this district it numbered only 35 Negroes among its 1500 card-carrying members.

"This is certainly a tribute to the patriotism and loyalty of the nearly 100,000 Negroes in the Pittsburgh district," Mr. Cvetic declared.

He said this should also lay at rest the Communist Party that it "speaks for the Negroes."

Mr. Cvetic reviewed the Communist picture in a pre-New Year's broadcast over Radio Station WCAE.

He said the Communist Party "is generally on the run" here.

"Many of its leaders have been deported, convicted or jailed," he pointed out. "Others have been tossed out of the trade union movement and educational institutions.

"Its party offices are closed. Most of the Communist front organizations have been exposed and discredited."

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But Mr. Cvetic cautioned, "the fight is not finished."

The former FBI aide assailed U. S. allies who are using American money to finance trade with Red China. And he denounced those who would admit Red China to the United Nations.

Mr. Cvetic also took a slap at "left wing commentators, misguided liberals and professional apologists" who are "apt at shedding crocodile tears for questionable characters called before the Congressional committees" investigating Communism.

He said that while he still was posing as a Communist for the FBI in 1948, the party issued orders to its agents to remain silent if called to testify before Congress and to use the Fifth Amendment of the Constitution as an escape hatch.

"Witnesses who refuse to answer questions regarding Communist or pro-Communist connections," Mr. Cvetic said, "cast their own Red shadow of doubt on their loyalty and intent . . . At times, silence speaks louder than words."

Mr. Cvetic, meanwhile, defended his own testimony concerning Communists he met during the years he spent underground.

Though he has named hundreds of "Soviet agents, American Communists and pro-Communists" under oath, Mr. Cvetic emphasized, "none of any testimony has ever been repudiated."

DATE 12-30-53 PAGE 9 COLUMN 1
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PITTSBURGH POST-GAZETTE
PITTSBURGH SUN-TELEGRAPH
PITTSBURGH COURIER

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FOR RELEASE WEDNESDAY A.M. DECEMBER 30, 1953

Complete text of a radio address by Matt Cvetic,
former FBI undercover agent who posed as a Communist
from 1941 to 1950. Radio Station WCAE 8 P.M.
Tuesday, December 29, 1953.

AFTER THIRTEEN YEARS

Fellow Americans:

For the next thirteen minutes, I will review thirteen years in the fight
against America's greatest enemy -- Communism.

For nine of those thirteen years -- from 1941 to 1950 -- I posed as a Com-
munist for the FBI. Since 1950 when the House Committee on Un-American Activities
called me to testify, and therefore ending my pose as a Communist, I have, as I
promised at that time, continued to fight Communism.

You too must continue to help in this fight because after all, the thing
the Communists fear most is an enlightened citizenry.

The purpose of my talk tonight is to further alert the citizens of Western
Pennsylvania and to emphasize that in spite of everything that has been done to
fight Communists in government, labor, education and elsewhere -- there is more to
be done.

Since 1950 when I ceased my FBI role as an undercover agent, I have made
talks in practically all of the 48 states. To make a conservative estimate, I have
travelled easily a quarter of a million miles, spanning our great country from the
Atlantic to the Pacific and from Canada to the Gulf Coast.

Everywhere people generally have two questions to ask me. The first, and
one I will elaborate on later, is - "What can I as a citizen do in the fight a-
gainst Communism?"

The other is "Mr. Cvetic, just how did you get into this undercover assign-
ment for the FBI?"

Since many people from Western Pennsylvania still ask me that second question,
I will first review this personal history.

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In the spring of 1941, the FBI asked me to infiltrate the Communist Party here. I had had no knowledge that this FBI request would be made. At that time I was employed at the United States Employment Service.

Possibly the fact that I had studied criminology, including a study of thousands of case histories at Western Penitentiary, and because I once applied for Army intelligence work led up to this FBI request.

At any rate I accepted the assignment and then for nine years, posing as a Communist for the FBI, I attended more than 4000 secret Communist Party meetings -- wrote more than 20,000 pages -- or millions of words in reports to the FBI.

Since 1950 when I first made the expose of the Communist Party in Western Pennsylvania before the House Committee on Un-American Activities, I have named in sworn testimony hundreds of Soviet Agents, American Communists and pro-Communists. NONE OF MY TESTIMONY HAS EVER BEEN REPUDIATED.

I am proud to have helped break the backbone of the Communist Party in Western Pennsylvania.

But may I repeat, the fight is not finished -- more is to be done in 1954.

On the local scene the Communist Party is generally on the run. Many of its leaders have been deported, convicted or jailed. Others have been tossed out of the trade union movement and educational institutions. Its Party offices are closed. Most of the communist front organizations have been exposed and discredited.

And while the serpent of Communism has been crippled in Western Pennsylvania, more must be done in '54 to completely annihilate this Red Menace.

On the national scene we are confronted with a threat to our very existence.

We must prevent, at all costs, the admission of Red China into the United Nations.

Admitting Red China into the United Nations would be a betrayal of the 140,000 American dead and wounded in Korea.

1954 is a Congressional election year.

Congressional candidates for election or reelection who come out for the

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recognition of Red China, trade with Red China, or the admission of Red China into the United Nations should be defeated.

A major issue in 1954 is: Shall your tax dollars, which go into foreign aid, go to countries that do business with Red China? The answer is an undeviating NO. For no business with an enemy country, pledged to our destruction, can be sanctified or justified -- NO MATTER WHAT THE REASON GIVEN.

I feel so deeply about my opposition to trade with Red China because I know from personal experiences how Communists and their sympathizers in the United States helped betray China to Communism.

Well I recall how Steve Nelson, Moscow-trained Soviet agent, reported to a meeting I attended while still posing as a Communist for the FBI. Nelson in his report stated that the Kremlin has directed the American Communist Party to attempt to get all the help from the Enemy (meaning the United States) for our new Communist Government in China in the way of machinery, material, equipment and supplies. IT WILL HASTEN THE DAY OF THE COMMUNIST REVOLUTION IN THE UNITED STATES!

What Nelson and his cohorts have tried and failed to do so far, certain foreign countries are now doing by using United States dollars. Dollars which come from your pockets through taxation.

I repeat, shall we be used even through the medium of another country to help sow the seeds of our own destruction? You know the answer.

The sordid story of the betrayal of China to the Communists and the resultant forgotten Korean War with its 140,000 American Casualties should be told in '54.

Write to your Senator and Congressman and ask them to invite a certain witness before the Congressional Committees. He is none other than Dean Acheson, former Secretary of State.

Acheson should be asked to explain why, in light of all intelligence information available to him on the China situation, he continually dealt with the Chinese Communists as "agrarian reformers". The answer might be enlightening.

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It could help forestall a future Korea.

Now let us take up the Fifth Amendment of the Constitution.

Left wing commentators, misguided liberals and professional apologists, apt at shedding crocodile tears for questionable characters called before the Congressional committees, would have you believe that these persons are being subjected to an inquisition.

The right of Congressional inquiry is essential to our national security.

Though a witness may invoke the Fifth Amendment in refusing to answer certain questions on Communist or pro-Communist activities on grounds of possible self-incrimination, this does not mean that Americans must erase all doubt concerning such mute witnesses. At times -- SILENCE SPEAKS LOUDER THAN WORDS!

Certainly I have plenty of reservations as to the loyalty and intent of congressional witnesses who hide behind the Fifth Amendment.

My reason is based on first hand knowledge.

In 1948 when I was still posing as a Communist for the FBI, the National Office of the Communist Party issued a directive to the Communist Party members, sympathizers and supporters which said:

"If arrested by the FBI or called before a Congressional committee inquiring into subversion, you are to refuse to answer any questions on your communist or pro-Communist activities on the grounds of the Fifth Amendment against possible self-incrimination." The Communists who are trained to work illegally to overthrow the United States government know better than anyone else that they are engaged in a criminal conspiracy.

Witnesses who refuse to answer questions regarding Communist or pro-Communist connections cast their own Red-shadow of doubt on their loyalty and intent.

Now permit me to debunk Communist lie Number One.

The Communist Party is most vociferous in its claim that it speaks for racial minority groups, especially the Negroes. Nothing could be farther from the truth.

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Nearly every issue of the Communist Daily Worker, every Communist pamphlet or leaflet harps on the theme that the Communist Party is the Party of the Negro.

What are the real facts: During the height of the Communist Party membership right here in Western Pennsylvania when the Communist Party numbered more than 1500 card-carrying members -- there were only thirty-five negroes in the Communist Party.

This is certainly a tribute to the patriotism and loyalty of the nearly 100,000 Negroes in the Pittsburgh district.

Looking back over the thirteen years since I first joined the FBI in the fight against Communist, and with the approaching New Year, I wish to take this opportunity to express my appreciation -- first,

To the director of the FBI, J. Edgar Hoover, who is America's Number One foe of Communism. It was an honor to serve the great organization which he heads.

Then my sincere thanks to Father Daniel A. Lavless, pastor of St. Mary's Church at the Point for his help and understanding during the nine trying years I spent posing as a Communist for the FBI.

And then to my late Mother who died in 1949 believing me a traitor to this country and to my late Father who lived to learn my true role. They were true and devoted Americans. I shall be forever grateful for the lessons of patriotism they taught me.

As we approach a New Year, allow me to suggest a New Years resolution that is good not only for 1954, but for all the years to come.

Let us resolve that we will never relax our vigilance in the fight against ruthless and godless Communism. Being on guard against Communism is a year-around job. There is one unmistakable fact we must face. THERE IS NO COMPROMISE WITH COMMUNISM.

In this uncompromising fight against Communism, let us in 1954 renew our faith in God and in our Nation. Let us never forget that we live in a nation where we can stand up and say this is my church -- this is my home -- this is my country. May God it ever stays that way.

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TO : Director, FBI (100-372409)

DATE: January 22, 1954

FROM : SAC, Pittsburgh (67-2584A)

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On January 15, 1954, [redacted] Radio Station WEPM, Martinsburg, W.Va., telephonically contacted SA WILLIAM J. KUBASTA and informed him that Radio Station WEPM had been broadcasting the program "I Was a Communist for the FBI" on Sunday evenings; and that on Sunday evening, January 17, 1954, they were going to have the Mayor of Martinsburg, W.Va., and the leaders of several local groups such as The American Legion, Moose, Elks and others speak over the radio concerning Communism in connection with said program and he inquired of SA KUBASTA as to whether he (SA KUBASTA) or the FBI had any comment to make or to furnish regarding said program.

[redacted] was advised by SA KUBASTA that neither he nor the FBI had any comment to make concerning this matter and Mr. [redacted] with whom SA KUBASTA is personally acquainted, advised that in view of the above that no mention would be made concerning the FBI in connection with said program.

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Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
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Remylet captioned "MATTHEW CVETIC, FORMER SECURITY
INFORMANT", 11-18-53, and report of SA G. LEONARD
TREVIRANUS, Pittsburgh, captioned "[REDACTED] AKA,
CLERK, U.S. POST OFFICE, PITTSBURGH, PA., LGE", 3-15-50.

On January 5, 1954, MATTHEW CVETIC, former Security
Informant G-113, Room 705, William Penn Hotel, Pitts-
burgh, Pa., was interviewed by SA's ROBERT R. FOLTZ and
[REDACTED] in connection with the case entitled
[REDACTED] AKA, [REDACTED] U.S. COMMISSIONER,
U.S. DISTRICT COURT, PITTSBURGH, PA., PUBLIC LAW #188,
82ND CONGRESS". During said interview CVETIC volun-
teered the following information concerning Attorney
HARRY ALAN SHERMAN:

CVETIC advised that he expects to testify in the local
courts concerning the case of the Commonwealth of Penn-
sylvania vs. the Jewish Cultural Center, which case is
scheduled for trial some time after January 1, 1954.
CVETIC stated that inasmuch as he has speech commitments
for the early part of January, 1954, he stopped into
HARRY ALAN SHERMAN's office, about two weeks ago, to
see SHERMAN in order to request him to take into con-
sideration his speech commitments when calling him to
testify against the Jewish Cultural Center.

CVETIC advised that upon his arrival in SHERMAN's
office, SHERMAN asked him if he knew [REDACTED]
former clerk, U.S. Post Office, Pittsburgh, who was also
present in his office, and who was "fired" about two weeks
ago by the Post Office authorities for security reasons.
CVETIC stated that he told SHERMAN that "he could not

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"place [redacted]. CVETIC further said that he understood a [redacted] of the Jewish War Veterans had sent [redacted] into see SHERMAN and that SHERMAN inquired of [redacted] as to why [redacted] had referred him.

CVETIC advised that during said interview that SHERMAN intimated in the presence of [redacted] that he was obtaining information from [redacted] former security informant [redacted], and from the "FBI"; that he, (SHERMAN) accompanied a "couple of agents" to the Post Office Department where [redacted] worked and that he [redacted] was pointed out to him and that while there they observed [redacted] working. CVETIC advised that [redacted] remarked to him that he [redacted] had been to 440 Wood Street, Pittsburgh, and that he had gone "upstairs" of 440 Wood Street to buy some (phonograph) records. It is noted that the Contemporary Book Store was formerly located on the second floor of 440 Wood Street and that Lomakin's Music Shop was located on the first floor of 440 Wood Street.

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CVETIC advised that during said meeting, [redacted] inquired of SHERMAN on several occasions as to whether or not [redacted] had furnished him the information in question.

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CVETIC advised that in view of the indiscreet remarks which were made by SHERMAN in the presence of [redacted] he desired to make it a matter of record that he had since talked with [redacted] and that he had attempted to discourage [redacted] from talking to or having anything at all to do with SHERMAN.

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CVETIC advised that about one week ago he had talked to [redacted] at which time he told [redacted] that he should be very careful while testifying and that he must be sure of his identification, when identifying individuals as Communists, and that [redacted] now knows that he has talked too much.

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CVETIC advised that he also talked to [redacted] concerning JOHN MULLEN, former Mayor of Clairton, Pa., whom [redacted] had identified recently as having been connected with the Communists or Communist sympathizers. CVETIC stated in this connection that he told [redacted] that he (CVETIC) had obtained many lists containing the names of various individuals; and that he told [redacted] that all of the individuals whose names appeared on said lists were not Communists. CVETIC recalled that in about 1945, former Mayor of Clairton, JOHN MULLEN had "played along" with the Communists and stated that subsequent to his testifying before the HCUA in Washington, D.C., in February and March, 1950,

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that he delivered a speech against Communism, following which speech, Mayor MULLEN approached him and shook his hand and expressed full agreement with his statements. CVETIC stated that he told [redacted] that he is "the authority" and that if he is not certain in his identifications that he should keep his mouth shut or else he will hurt himself.

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In connection with the information contained in referenced Pittsburgh letter concerning HARRY ALAN SHERMAN, CVETIC stated that he had never trusted SHERMAN from the beginning of his relationship with him and he proceeded to point out the "7 blunders" which in his opinion SHERMAN had made and which are as follows;

1. CVETIC exhibited a letter dated March 15, 1950, which he received from SHERMAN, which letter stated in part, "Don't make any speech for or against U.E. at this time---or you will kill the chances of sale of the story. We have been cautioned by S.E. Post that too much of that activity prior to publication will kill the value of them--". CVETIC stated that the above letter relates to his story which appeared in the "Saturday Evening Post" and said that despite SHERMAN he went ahead and made a speech in which he attacked the U.E. and that the I.U.E. subsequently won an election over the U.E.

2. Statement by HARRY ALAN SHERMAN which he gave to ALBERT E. KAHN, author of "Sabotage", "The Great Conspiracy", and "High Treason", in which statement SHERMAN alludes to the Pennsylvania Sedition case as having been "fixed" by SHERMAN.

CVETIC then exhibited a memorandum which he described as an exact copy of KAHN's notes, which data had been given to KAHN by SHERMAN. Said memorandum stated in part, "According to Mr. KAHN, Mr. SHERMAN also declared that he, SHERMAN, had used his political influence to select the prosecutor and judge in the case; that he also 'trained' the witness, MATTHEW CVETIC, as to what he should and should not say on the witness stand; and that Judge MUSMANNO had initiated the case "on instructions from Democratic Party Headquarters as a vote getting project."

3. The case of former Assistant District Attorney of Allegheny County MARJORIE HANSON NATSON, in which case HARRY ALAN SHERMAN testified before the Committee hearing said case. CVETIC stated in his opinion SHERMAN's testimony, demeanor on the witness stand, and his denouncement of said Hearing Committee

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"tilted" the case in MATSON's favor and ultimately lost said case for the State.

4. CVETIC stated that SHERMAN had not only "purloined" documents of his but that he had also "purloined" documents of [redacted]. CVETIC stated that three weeks ago he recovered three photostatic copies of his original documents from SHERMAN but that SHERMAN retained the original documents. CVETIC stated that SHERMAN still has several other documents of his in his possession, which documents CVETIC is unable to claim since he is unable to describe them and further that SHERMAN also has in his possession some of [redacted] documents.

5. CVETIC stated that in his opinion, HARRY ALAN SHERMAN had instigated the recent legal proceedings in the Allegheny County Courts in connection with the "non-support case" against [redacted]. CVETIC stated that he did not approve of SHERMAN's bringing the FBI into said case and further that he was of the opinion that SHERMAN by so doing was attempting to discredit the FBI.

6. Violations of the security of the State of Pennsylvania during the Internal Security Hearing which was held at Pittsburgh in November, 1953. In this connection, CVETIC stated that SHERMAN, while on the witness stand, stated, "Ask Corporal HARRY LOFBLAD of the Pennsylvania State Police, he can tell you all about this." It is noted that Corporal HARRY V. LOFBLAD is a Security Officer of the Pennsylvania State Police at Butler, Pa.

7. Personal Attacks of SHERMAN on CVETIC. CVETIC stated that SHERMAN had tried to discredit him and to destroy his reputation by telephoning people in Washington, D. C., New York, New York, and on the West Coast, and stated in view of the fact that SHERMAN would resort to such tactics when he is believed to be sincere in his fight against Communism, that he would consider him a "poor security risk".

CVETIC further stated that he also saw SHERMAN on several occasions recording telephone conversations while in his office.

The above is being furnished as a matter of information.

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MR. A. H. BELMONT

January 8, 1954

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SENATE INTERNAL SECURITY SUBCOMMITTEE (JENNER COMMITTEE)
HEARINGS AT PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA INTO "EXTENT OF
COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF LABOR ORGANIZATIONS."
VOLUME I (LEGISLATIVE SESSION) NOVEMBER 9, 1953; VOLUME II
AND III (PUBLIC SESSION) NOVEMBER 9, 10, 12, 1953.

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SYNOPSIS:

MATT O'CUETIC

Captioned testimony reflects Jenner Committee hearings at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania on the subject, "Extent of Communist Infiltration of Labor Organizations" with particular reference to the United Electrical Radio and Machine Workers of America (UE) in Pittsburgh area. [redacted] and Matthew Guccio, former Bureau informants, were the principal friendly witnesses. Discrepancy in testimony set forth. Thirteen persons now or formerly active in UE were called by the Committee; all but one uncooperative, invoking privilege of the Fifth Amendment. Photostat of testimony forwarded to Pittsburgh, December 13, 1953, for comparison with information previously received from the informants who testified. [redacted] testified that [redacted] held to plead guilty in the [redacted] case by a security agency of the United States, an allegation that was denied by Bureau representatives at the time of the bastardy hearing both to the Judge and at the hearing, and it is being recommended in order that the record may be clear, that the Committee representative be advised that this allegation by [redacted] is not correct.

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RECOMMENDATION:

1. If you approve, the Jenner Committee representative will be advised orally that [] story that he pled guilty upon instruction of the Bureau is false. Such an allegation appears at Page 273 of Volume III of the public report dated November 12, 1953, at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where the words "security agency of the government of the United States" clearly imply this Bureau, since all through the testimony [] is identified as a former Bureau informant.

2. The original of this memorandum and Photostats of the captioned volumes of testimony should be filed in the Jenner control file 62-88217, with yellow copies of this memorandum filed in the main files as indicated.

DETAILS:

Stenographic transcripts of hearings before the Jenner Committee on November 9, 10, and 12, 1953, at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, were furnished to the Bureau by the Committee. Photostats of this testimony have been made and the original transcripts returned to the Jenner Committee. There is included Volume I of Executive Session testimony dated November 9, 1953. This Executive Session testimony cannot be disseminated outside of the Bureau, and the Volume has been marked "do not disseminate."

The Jenner Committee was inquiring into the extent of Communist infiltration into labor organizations and these hearings were specifically directed at Communist infiltration of the United Electrical Radio and Machine Workers of America (UE). The technique employed by the Committee was to call only friendly witnesses in the Executive Session, and then in Public Session to call individuals now or formerly active in the UE, and when these persons invoked the Fifth Amendment to call one or more of the friendly witnesses for an account of the individual's Communist activity.

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With reference to the friendly witnesses, [redacted] and Matt Guetic, are former informants of the Pittsburgh Office. Harry Alan Sherman, a Pittsburgh attorney, has been responsible for much of the Bureau's difficulty with [redacted] and Guetic, representing Guetic in contacting the House Committee on un-American Activities, "Saturday Evening Post" and Warner Brothers, and arranging [redacted] contact with the Jenner Committee. [redacted] Research Specialist for the Americanism Committee of the American Legion, is a former informant of the New York Office, discontinued in October, 1947, when it was learned that he was also furnishing information to former Bureau agents operating the anti-Communist pamphlet, "Counterattack". [redacted] is a former Communist Party member and a former UE member who has furnished information to the Bureau. [redacted] is a confidential source of the Pittsburgh Office. [redacted] Pennsylvania, newspaper reporter, has also been used as a confidential source by the Pittsburgh Office.

[redacted] and [redacted] named 29 persons in the Pittsburgh area as having engaged in Communist activities and Guetic named 55. In most cases, only the name was given with no identifying data, but a main file search has disclosed that most of these persons can be identified with Bureau investigations. [redacted] testified concerning his knowledge of Communist Party activities with particular reference to UE, as did [redacted]

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[redacted] and [redacted]. In the public sessions, the principal witnesses, all now or formerly connected with UE, were [redacted]

[redacted] and [redacted]. All except [redacted] invoked the privilege of the Fifth Amendment in response to pertinent questions concerning their Communist activities. There are main files on each of these witnesses.

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At the request of the Pittsburgh Office, a Photostat of each of the captioned volumes was forwarded on December 23, 1953, to Pittsburgh with instructions that the material should be thoroughly reviewed to make certain that pertinent information is channeled to appropriate files, and that all investigative leads are followed. Pittsburgh was requested to pay particular attention to the testimony of Matt Guetic, [redacted] and [redacted] to determine whether information furnished by these persons at the hearings had been previously furnished to the Pittsburgh Office, and to advise the Bureau of any instances wherein this information had not been furnished.

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For your information, a few discrepancies in the testimony are being mentioned at this time. As you know, difficulties have been experienced in handling [] ever since he appeared as a witness for the Government in the Smith Act trial in Pittsburgh in []. He withheld copies of reports and notes and has never turned over all such information. In testimony before the McCarthy Committee on June 18, 1953, he made several allegations not previously furnished to the Bureau. Also you will recall that [] and Attorney Harry Alan Sherman alleged to Judge Marshall, Common Pleas Court, Pittsburgh, that the Bureau was responsible for [] in the [] case. SAC Halford corrected the record with Judge Marshall on June 24, 1953, and an SA personally appeared at the hearing in the [] case on October 6, 1953, to specifically refute such false allegations. In July, 1953, the Director noted that he doubted if the Bureau should have any further contact with [] and on July 16, 1953, Pittsburgh Office was advised to have no further contact with [] without prior Bureau authority. (100-881185-147,157)

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In Volume III of the Public Session testimony, at Page 273, a reference is made to the bastardy proceedings as follows:

Mr. Arens: The proceedings in that session, so far as you were concerned, were on the advice given you by a security agency of the government of the United States?

[]: That is right. I was told to plead guilty and which I did.

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In order that the record may be clear, it is being recommended that the Jenner Committee representative be orally advised that this statement is not correct. Although the Bureau is not named, throughout the testimony [] is identified as a former FBI informant, so the inference is plain.

In Volume I, Executive Session testimony, at Page 29, [] estimated the total number of Communists at the peak in the Pittsburgh area when he was active, as at least 7000 stating, ".....At least I had 7000 names that I stole out of the office." When asked if he had given the names to the FBI, he replied, "Yes sir. I made a copy of them too." In Volume III, Public Session testimony, at Page 272, Hazzel stated, "In 1948, when the Communist Party did not use the Communist membership book any more, I was successful in getting the names out of the Communist Party Office, which I have Photostats of, and the FBI has Photostats, and I have my Photostats in my possession now...."

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The foregoing is apparently another of [redacted] exaggerations. In April, 1958, after [redacted] had testified in the Pittsburgh Smith Act trial, it was learned that he had retained copies of virtually all lists and material furnished by him. On several occasions previously and specifically during the period of the pre-trial interviews, when asked about this, he had denied so doing. On demand, [redacted] finally turned over what he said were all copies of lists in his possession, but refused to sign a statement to that effect. It was later learned that [redacted] had retained Photostats of documents containing about 1100 names. (100-38118541, 45, 49, 57)

In Volume I, Executive Session testimony, at Page 117, [redacted] told of an incident in 1948, when a group of men came to Pittsburgh and [redacted] was assigned by the Communist Party to assist them in photographing the Pittsburgh area. In Volume II, Public Session testimony, at Page 136, [redacted] again describes the photographing incident adding, "The two gentlemen who took the pictures were the two gentlemen who photographed the Spanish Civil War with Ernest Hemingway."

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This photographing incident is another matter about which [redacted] has been previously challenged by the Bureau. In June, 1958, prior to [redacted] testimony before the McCarthy Committee, he told a representative of the McCarthy Committee about this alleged 1948 photographing incident. [redacted] reports to the Bureau failed to reflect that he had reported this matter and [redacted] was questioned concerning it. He related the story and claimed that he had reported it to the Bureau, but admitted it was possible he had overlooked reporting complete details. It was determined that the only report submitted by [redacted] that could remotely relate to this incident was a written report dated January 21, 1946, which would be two years prior to his present account of the incident, in which [redacted] reported that certain persons had been sent from New York to Pittsburgh to take strike pictures at Communist Party direction. (100-381185-94)

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Another discrepancy appears in testimony concerning [redacted]. In Volume I, Executive Session testimony, at Page 100, [redacted] tells of seeing [redacted] at both open and closed Communist Party meetings and that [redacted] had admitted Communist Party membership to him. In the same Volume at Page 174, Cusack identifies [redacted] as a Communist Party member, stating that he had attended closed Communist Party meetings.

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with [] In Volume II, Public Session testimony, at Page 26, Guetie identifies Loney as a Communist Party member and describes some of [] Communist Party activities.

It is noted that in March, 1950, Guetie testified before the House Committee on un-American Activities that [] was a Communist Party member. However, Bureau files reflect that on December 29, 1949, Guetie was questioned by the Bureau specifically concerning [] at which time he stated that he had no knowledge that [] was a Communist Party member. Also on January 4, 1950, [] was questioned specifically concerning [] at which time [] stated that he had no knowledge of any Communist Party connection of [] (142-195-3,29)

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In Volume I, Executive Session testimony, at Page 30, [] named [] in Pittsburgh, as a Communist. This matter is being handled by the Employees Security Section which has requested and received [] testimony before the Jenner Committee (given at his own request) and has instituted investigation which was authorized by the Department on December 16, 1953 (in response to Bureau letter to the Department on December 11, 1953) pursuant to provisions of the Appropriation Acts for the Judiciary which makes it illegal for a member of an organization advocating a violent overthrow of the Government to receive appropriated funds. The Pittsburgh Office has advised that [] in a report dated July 19, 1947, stated that one [] (possibly [] of Pittsburgh was a member of the Squirrel Hill Branch of the Communist Party, and in 1952, he stated he knew a man who was appointed to a job in the Federal Building who he indicated was either a former Communist Party member or sympathizer. [] was unable to name this individual, although he was re-contacted several times concerning him. (Memo Stanley to Rosen, 12-22-53)

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It should be noted that Volume I of the Public Session testimony consists merely of an introductory statement by Senator Butler that the purpose of the hearings was to inquire into Communist penetration of labor organizations in order to recommend to the Senate such action as the facts should warrant, with particular reference to the consideration of S.1606, a bill introduced in April, 1953 which would amend the Internal Security Act to deal with the problem of Communism in labor organizations.

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FORMER SECURITY INFORMANT C-113CONF. INFT.

The following article appeared at Page 8, Column 1, of the January 17, 1954, issue of "The Pittsburgh Press":

"MATT CVETIC TO OPEN NEW NATIONAL TOUR"

"Matt Cvetic, former FBI undercover man in Communist circles here, will open another nationwide speaking tour at Grand Rapids, Mich., Tuesday.

"His current tour will cover more than 100 cities in 39 states, winding up in the Pacific Northwest in June."

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The following article appeared at Page 1, Column 3, of the January 18, 1954, issues of "The Pittsburgh Post-Gazette":

"CVETIC SEEKS CONGRESS SEAT"

"Matt Cvetic, former undercover agent for the FBI, announced yesterday that he will be a candidate for the Republican nomination to Congress in the Twenty-eighth district. The district is now represented by Congressman Herman P. Eberharter, Democrat.

"Cvetic said that if he wins the Republican nomination he will campaign on the issue of 'no compromise with Soviet Russia, her satellites, Red Communism or China.'"

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: March 18, 1954

FROM : J.H.M. SAC, Detroit []

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SUBJECT: MATT CVETIC
MICHIGAN ACTIVITIES

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Boardman	✓
Mr. Nichols	✓
Mr. Belmont	✓
Mr. Harbo	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Tamm	✓
Mr. Tracy	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. Winterrowd	✓
Tele. Room	✓
Mr. Holloman	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

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BIOGRAPHIC

The following information concerning activities in the state of Michigan on the part of MATT CVETIC, former Pittsburgh Informant, is being furnished for the information of the Bureau.

The "Muskegon Chronicle" dated February 16, 1954, page 2, column 6, contained an article which stated in part:

"MATT CVETIC, nationally known for his work as a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation while a member of the Communist Party of the United States, will appear here Thursday under the auspices of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Muskegon Post 446. Plans call for Mr. CVETIC to appear in Muskegon Heights High School at 9:00 a.m., Muskegon High, 10:30 a.m. and North Muskegon and Catholic Central High Schools at hours to be announced later. Tentative arrangements call for two appearances at the VFW Hall Thursday evening...

"With title of his address, "I Was a Communist For The FBI", Mr. CVETIC will recount from his experiences during those nine years in each of his tentatively scheduled six appearances here."

The "Lansing State Journal" dated February 24, 1954 contained an article entitled "Ex-FBI Agent Would Call Acheson", "Cvetic Urges Testimony on Red China Policy". The above article bore a picture of MATT CVETIC and stated in part that MATT CVETIC, former undercover agent for the FBI, in a speech prepared for delivery to students at J. W. Sexton High School and later rendered to the public in the Sexton High School auditorium, had expressed the opinion that DEAN ACHESON, former Secretary of State, should be called before Congress to tell why he dealt continuously with Red China after all the facts had been presented. The article stated that CVETIC's appearance in Lansing was under the sponsorship of the Capital City Post No. 116, American Legion, and during his

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Letter to Director, FBI

Re: MATT CVETIC
MICHIGAN ACTIVITIES

speech he defended the right of Congressional inquiry as being essential to our national security, stating "A witness may invoke the Fifth Amendment to escape testifying but often silence speaks louder than words." According to the article, he also called J. EDGAR HOOVER "America's number one foe of Communism" and stated it was an honor to serve the organization which he heads.

This office has also received an inquiry from a [redacted] of Wyandotte, Michigan, who advised that he was past Commander of the Polish Legion of American Veterans and stated that in the absence of the present Commander he had been approached by one [redacted] of Ada, Michigan, who claimed to represent CVETIC and who wanted to bring him to town to talk against Communism. According to [redacted] told him that all they required was a room at the legion post with two telephones installed so that two girls could be hired to contact local merchants for donations to sponsor the event. According to [redacted] stated they would be guaranteed \$300 for this service and would be given 20 per cent if the take was \$5,000 or more.

The records of the Detroit Office contain no information identifiable with one [redacted] of Ada, Michigan.

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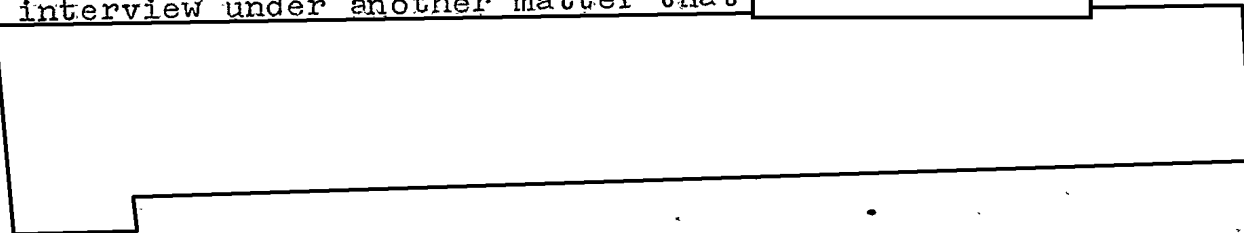
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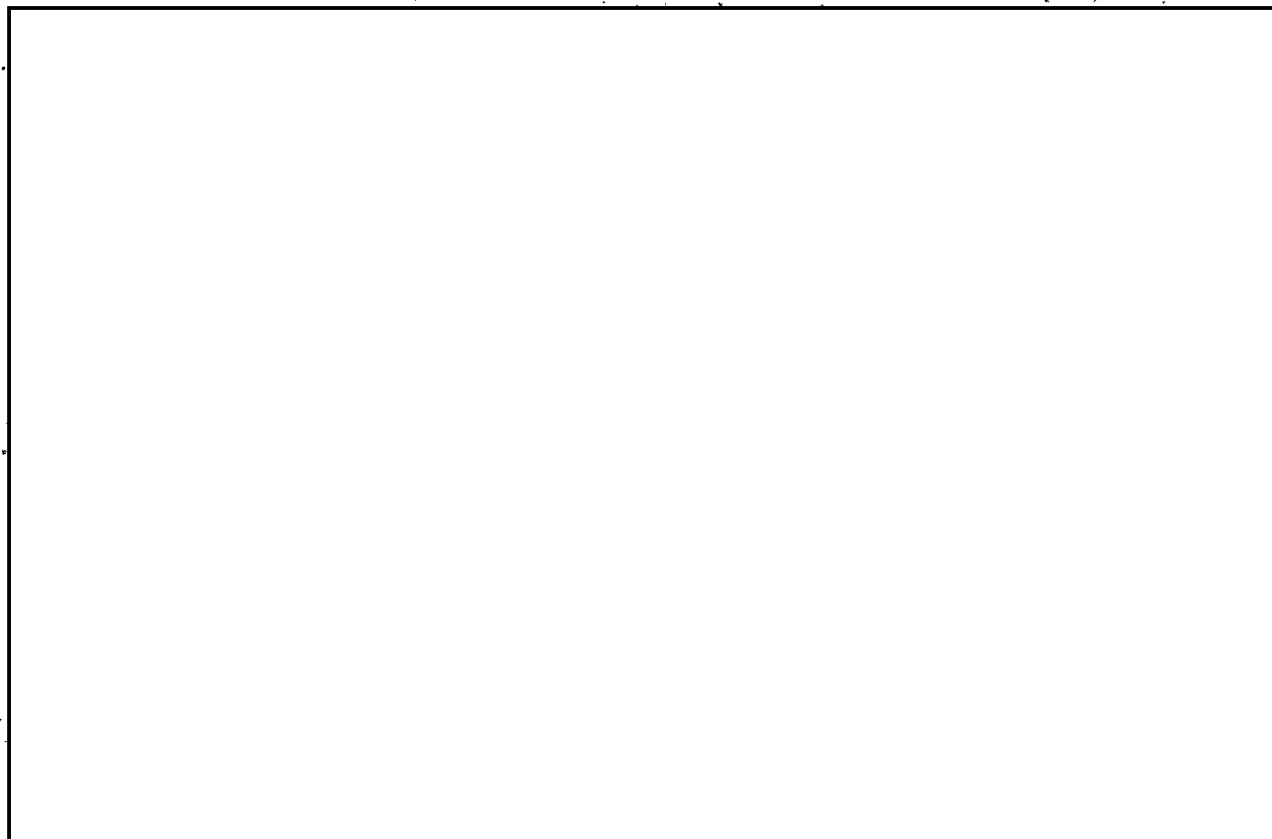
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Eberharter's District

Cvetic Seeks Congress Seat

Matt Cvetic, who served as an undercover man for the FBI in fighting Communist activities in the Pittsburgh district, today entered the race for Congress.

He took out petitions for the Republican nomination to Congress in the Twenty-eighth District now represented by Cong. Herman P. Eberharter (D).

Harry Truxell of Sardis Way, Sixth Ward, took out petitions for the GOP nomination to Congress in the same district and also for State Senate in the Thirty-eighth District.

The petitions were obtained at the County Department of Elections. It was the first day to circulate such papers in preparation for the May 11 Primary.

WALKER BACKERS

Attorney Louis Artuso took out papers in behalf of Sen. John M. Walker for the Republican nomination to Superior Court.

For Sen. Walker's present seat in the Senate, Forty-fourth District, former Deputy Sheriff Dawson Mack, of Wilkinsburg, was a candidate for the Republican nomination.

William Irvine took out petitions for renomination for Cong. Robert J. Corbett (R), in the Twenty-ninth District.

Petitions were also obtained for State Sen. Robert D. Fleming (R), for renomination in the Fortieth District.

OTHER CANDIDATES

Other candidates obtaining petitions were:

CONGRESS

Thirtieth District
John J. Mosher (D), 613 Archer St., McKeesport.

LEGISLATURE

John R. Haudenschild (R), Carnegie, 15th District; Kenneth Leydie (R), Tarentum, 17th District; Edward Prosser (R), Wilkinsburg, 16th District; Robert Raphael (D), Murray Ave., 8th District; Harry T. Campbell (R), Rockland Ave., 9th District; John T. Walsh (D), McKeesport, 13th District; John O'Leary (R), 1533 Eckert St., 12th District; Victor DeSantis (R), Twelfth Ward, 5th District; Albert J. Mabella (D), Homewood, 5th District.

STATE COMMITTEE

Forty-fourth District
William H. Stevens (D), McKeesport.
Forty-fifth District
Stephen F. Ekins (R), Mt. Lebanon;
J. James Moore (R), Cranston.

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Woman-Hunting Mountaineer Held In Disturbance at Apartment House

A woman-hunting mountaineer from Tennessee had police swarming around the Bigelow Apartments early today after threatening two girls who were with Matt Cvetic, former FBI undercover man.

Lonnie H. Higdon, 30, an Improvement of the Poor truck helper, here about a month from Chattanooga, was held for court by Magistrate W. H. K. McDiarmid on an assault charge.



Higdon

Cvetic said he thought Higdon had a gun when he and the girls encountered him, but in his pocket police found a broken pop bottle.

The excitement occurred about 3:50 a. m. Asked what he was doing out at that hour, Higdon explained:

"I thought I'd chase me up a woman."

The "chasing" part, he did, according to Cvetic.

Cvetic said he was showing the two girls their new home, the Bigelow Apartments, when Higdon hove onto the scene, threatening, with a "mad look in his eyes," to "get" the girls.

PISTOL SUSPECTED

Higdon had one hand in his pocket as if holding a pistol, Cvetic said. He shoved the girls into the Bigelow lobby and had someone call the police, Cvetic testified.

One of the girls, Shirley Ruchti, 24, of St. Louis, said she and the other girl, Betty Burns, 24, of St. Louis, met Cvetic on a plane from Chicago to Pittsburgh last night.

Employed by an air line in Chicago at the ticket counter, they came to Pittsburgh to take jobs here, and were to move into the Bigelow today.

The girls checked in at Hotel William Penn last night, and Cvetic, who lives there, took them to a restaurant. Then he set out to show them the apartment building.

Higdon was complaining that "people were laughing" at him, Hastings testified, and quoted him as saying:

"I'm from Tennessee. If you take me, you've gotta kill me."

He was taken to jail in handcuffs.

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Cvetic, 2 Girls Say Man Periled Them With Gun



Sun-Telegraph Photo by Paul Hunter

SHIRLEY RUCHTI

BETTY BURNS

MATT CVETIC

... they say man threatened girls in apartment lobby ...

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Cvetic Flees From Threat

Two women airline employees and Matt Cvetic, former FBI undercover man, were threatened early yesterday by a man armed with a broken bottle who resented their laughter.

Mr. Cvetic, who met Betty Burns, 25, and Shirley Ruchtr, 24, on a plane from Chicago, was showing them the Bigelow Apartments, where they intend to live.

The young women were laughing when a man, later docketed as Lonnie Higdon, 30, here a month from Chattanooga, Tenn., approached and muttered "I'm gonna get you" while holding his hand in his pocket in a menacing manner.

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UNITED STATES

GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-372409)

DATE: MARCH 8, 1954

FROM : SAC, PITTSBURGH (67-2584)

SUBJECT: MATTHEW CVETIC
FORMER SECURITY INFORMANT C-113

CONF. INFO

On 2/16/54 MATTHEW CVETIC, former Security Informant C-113, Room 705, William Penn Hotel, Pittsburgh, Pa., was interviewed by SA [redacted] regarding the case entitled, "[redacted] aka [redacted] Examiner, National Labor Relations Board, Pittsburgh, Pa.; SECURITY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES."

During said interview, CVETIC voluntarily advised that he had arrived in Pittsburgh by plane from Chicago, Ill., about 4AM on 2/16/54; that two young girls, whom he met in St. Louis, Mo., and who were formerly employed by the Ozark and Eastern Airlines, had returned by plane to Pittsburgh with him.

CVETIC stated that both of the young ladies are fine girls; that one of them is his "girlfriend"; and that he is seriously considering marrying her and probably will marry her if he can work out the necessary arrangements in accordance with his religion.

CVETIC stated that the young ladies, whom he did not identify by name, plan to live in Pittsburgh and hope to obtain employment in Pittsburgh, and that he may even have his "girlfriend" work for him as she could handle his secretarial work.

CVETIC stated that he assisted the two young ladies upon their arrival in Pittsburgh in checking into the William Penn Hotel; that he later took them across the street to show them the Bigelow Apartments, where they had reserved an apartment.

CVETIC stated that while near the Bigelow Apartments a white male, whom he described as a "rum head", approached them; that the unidentified male, who was not drunk, had his hand in his pocket; and that it appeared as if he had a gun; and that the unidentified male, whom he believed to be a sex deviate, spoke insultingly to the girls.

CVETIC stated that he did not want to fight with the unidentified male, since he felt that he might be armed, and that he pushed the two girls away from him and into the lobby of the Bigelow Apartments and told the doorman to call the police.

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CVETIC advised that the police arrived upon the scene shortly thereafter, and the the police, after cruising the immediate vicinity of the hotel, arrested the unidentified male who, upon arrest, was found to have a pop bottle with the top broken off in his pocket, and that the police arrested him after somewhat of a tussle.

CVETIC advised that he was of the opinion that he would be neglecting his duty as a citizen if he left the unidentified male wander the streets at that hour of the morning, since he felt that he was up to "no good" and felt that he might possibly injure someone; and that he told the girls that he felt that they should prefer charges against the unidentified male, which they did, and stated that he and the two girls had appeared as witnesses against the unidentified male in Morals Court, Pittsburgh, during the morning of 2/16/54.

There are enclosed the following newspaper clippings which appeared in the Pittsburgh newspapers concerning the above described incident:

An article captioned "Tramp Scares CVETIC and Girl Companions" which appeared in the "Pittsburgh Press" issue of 2/16/54 On Page 2, Columns 2 and 3.

An article captioned "Woman Hunting Mountaineer Held in Disturbance at Apartment House" which appeared in the "Pittsburgh Sun Telegraph" issue of 2/16/54 on Page 3, Columns 1-3, inclusive.

An article captioned "CVETIC Flees from Threat" which appeared in the "Post Gazette" issue of 2/17/54 on Page 12, Column 1

On 2/17/54 [redacted] a confidential source of the Pittsburgh Office, who is employed by the Bell Telephone Company, Seventh Avenue, Pittsburgh, telephonically advised SA [redacted] that [redacted]

AG 25: PA + MO [redacted] and [redacted] who are now residing [redacted] Bigelow Apartments, Bigelow Boulevard, Pittsburgh, recently had telephone service installed, and that their service application reflects that MATTHEW CVETIC, a Government investigator, would be responsible financially for any bills incurred by them.

There is also enclosed an article captioned "CVETIC Seeks Congress Seat" which appeared in the "Pittsburgh Sun Telegraph" issue of 2/23/54 on Page 4, Column 2.

The above is being furnished as a matter of information.

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Tramp Scares Cvetic And Girl Companions

'Gun' Turns Out to Be Broken Bottle Top

Matt Cvetic, former FBI undercover man, had to take cover early today when a stranger bumped into him on a Downtown street, mumbling: "Nobody's going to take me alive."

Mr. Cvetic testified the man had his hand in his pocket and seemed to be holding a pistol.

The suspected weapon, however, turned out to be the neck of a broken pop bottle.

Meet on Plane

The man, Lonnie Higdon, 30, of Chattanooga, Tenn., was held for court by Magistrate W. H. K. McDiarmid so he can be examined by doctors at the Behavior Clinic.

The incident occurred early today as Mr. Cvetic was escorting two women to the Bigelow Apartments. They gave their names as Betty Burns, 25, and Shirley Rychti, 24, of St. Louis, and said they worked for an airline in Chicago.

The woman testified they met Mr. Cvetic on a Chicago-to-Pittsburgh plane ride last night.

Call for Police

On arrival here, they said, Mr. Cvetic had a cup of coffee with them and offered to show them to the Bigelow, where they had reserved an apartment. Mr. Cvetic lives across the street in Hotel William Penn.

As they were walking along Bigelow Boulevard, all three testified, Higdon came at them with his hand in his pocket, mumbling "there he is" and "nobody's going to take me alive."

Mr. Cvetic and the two women



LONNIE HIGDON

"Nobody's gonna get me."

darted into the Bigelow, shouting for someone to call the police. Someone did.

Radio Patrolmen Robert Disen and John Hastings found Higdon still loitering on the sidewalk and had to handcuff him to get him into their car.

The officers said Higdon told them he was carrying the broken bottle "just in case," but insisted he wasn't intending to hurt anyone. He was charged with assault.

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SHIRLEY RUCHTI

BETTY BURNS

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A stranger accosted them as they were being escorted home by ex-counterspy.

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Livingston, Montana

Dear [Redacted]

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Your letter postmarked March 15, 1954,
has been received.

In response to your current inquiry, I
wish to advise that Matthew Guetio has no connec-
tion with the FBI at this time, and I am unable
to furnish you his present whereabouts. For your
information, Mr. Guetio is not a present or past
Special Agent of the FBI; however, he did assist
this Bureau as an informant from February, 1943, to
January, 1950, and during that time was compensated
for information furnished by him.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Livingston, Montana

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Mr. Cvetie

Dear Mr. Hoover,

I've wrote to you a few week ago
I got the answer, an I want to thank you
But now I would like it if you
could send me the address, of
Mr. S. A. Vetic
Mort Sautick, the man who a
Communist for the A. B. O.

Thank you

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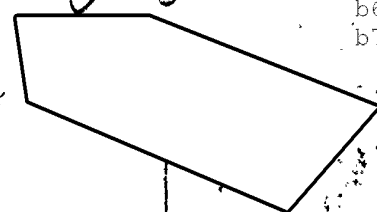
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OFFICE MEMORANDUM * * * UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (61-7562-1656)

DATE: MAR 17 1954

FROM: SAC, PITTSBURGH (100-4245)

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Rebulet, December 23, 1953, which forwarded photostatic copies of the transcript of hearings held by a Task Force of the U.S. Senate Internal Security Subcommittee at Pittsburgh, Pa., on November 9, 10 and 11, 1953. It is noted that rebulet instructed that pertinent information contained in the testimony be channeled to appropriate files, and that all investigative leads be followed. Pittsburgh was also instructed to determine whether information furnished by MATTHEW CVETIC, [redacted] and [redacted] at these hearings was previously furnished to the Pittsburgh Office, and advise the Bureau of any instances wherein this information was not furnished to the Bureau.

MATTHEW CVETIC

The three volumes of testimony mentioned above have been thoroughly reviewed and the pertinent information contained therein has been channeled to appropriate Pittsburgh files. All investigative leads arising from this testimony are being followed, and information of interest to other field divisions has been forwarded to those divisions.

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Concerning the testimony of MATTHEW CVETIC and [redacted] the information furnished to the Subcommittee by these two individuals, in general, is similar to that previously furnished by them to this office and, in turn, to the Bureau. However, the testimony of [redacted], in several instances, is an elaboration and exaggeration of facts as previously reported by him to this office. CVETIC, and [redacted] while testifying before the Subcommittee, also named as Communists certain individuals not previously so identified in their reports furnished to this office.

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There is set forth below, under the heading [redacted] a resume of the various discrepancies and exaggerations found in his testimony. Under the headings [redacted] and MATTHEW CVETIC there are listed the names of individuals named by them as Communist Party members in their testimony, who had not been named previously as CP members in reports furnished to the Pittsburgh Office by these two individuals.

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It is also noted that Attorney HARRY ALAN SHERMAN, of Pittsburgh, well-known to the Bureau for his connections with CVETIC and [] and [] also furnished lengthy testimony to the Subcommittee (a considerable portion of which is open to question), sometimes in conjunction with both [] and []. No attempt has been made, in this letter, to analyze SHERMAN's testimony.

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RE: GOON SQUAD AND HIGHLAND PARK POOL INCIDENT
(Volume I, Pages 6-10)

In his testimony, [] stated that he was a member of a CP Goon Squad in the Pittsburgh area, and in this connection was one of the so-called strong-arm men who fomented trouble and pushed people around during strikes at industrial plants.

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A review of [] reports furnished to this office fails to show that he ever reported that he was a member of such a squad or ever took part in any trouble or violence in connection with strikes at industrial plants.

In his testimony, [] stated that he worked with one [] in order to create an incident at the Schenley Swimming Pool in Pittsburgh, [] said that the CP imported truckloads of negroes from West Virginia and Ohio to create this disturbance. He also said that the disturbance took place in 1946, and that he, himself, stood outside of the pool and helped create the disturbance.

It is noted that the incident to which [] probably refers is a clash between negro and white swimmers at the Highland Park Swimming Pool in Pittsburgh on August 22, 1948. A review of [] file and other pertinent Pittsburgh files fails to show that [] ever reported to this office concerning this incident, and he was not reported to have been present at the incident by any other Pittsburgh informants. The file review also fails to show that any informant mentioned that negroes were imported from outside the city of Pittsburgh to create this disturbance.

RE: []
(Volume I, Pages 11-20)

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In his testimony, [] named [] as a CP member, and also stated that the Soviet Embassy had instructed [] to give a party for [] in Pittsburgh.

As set forth in Pittsburgh airtel to the Bureau, dated February 2, 1954, captioned, "[] FORMER [] has been connected with several CP front groups in the Pittsburgh area, but no information can be located to show that [] (prior to his testimony of November 9, 1953) or any other Pittsburgh Security Informant has ever named [] as a CP member.

RE: COURIER SYSTEM IN PITTSBURGH AREA
(Volume I, Pages 20-24)

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[] testified that he served in a courier system in the Pittsburgh area, and turned over large sums of money (as much as \$2,000 - \$2,500 in a month) to other CP couriers in Pittsburgh.

It is noted that [] reports to the Pittsburgh Office do indicate that he was a part of a courier system in the Pittsburgh area with [] and [], District 5, CP members. However, according to these reports, [] handled only bundles of CP literature and small amounts of money apparently received by the CP as payment for the literature. The greatest amount of money handled by [] in any of these transactions (according to his reports to this office) was \$13.75. [] at no time, reported that he was handling large amounts of money in connection with his so-called courier duties.

RE: COMMUNIST PARTY MEMBERSHIP FIGURES FOR PITTSBURGH AREA
(Volume I, Pages 29-30)

In his testimony (Page 29), [] estimated that "at the peak" there were "a little over 7,000" Communists in Allegheny County, Pa. He based this estimate on lists of 7,000 names ([] figure) which he "stole" from CP headquarters. On Page 30 of this testimony, HARRY ALAN SHERMAN, Pittsburgh attorney, testifying in connection with [], stated that (at the present time) "all these people who would be willing tools of the Communist apparatus in their subversive revolutionary function, that particular group, are estimated as close to 2,000."

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It is noted that the lists on which [] based his estimate of 7,000 were apparently taken from CP headquarters in Pittsburgh in 1942. Some of these lists were made available to the Pittsburgh Office by him in 1951 for photographing, while others were made available by him on April 20, 1953, after his testimony at the Pittsburgh Smith Act Trial. These lists appear to be miscellaneous groupings of names which [] was not able to identify when questioned by Agents of this office. He was not able to state that these individuals were connected with any certain organization or to say if the individuals' names were on file at CP headquarters with or without their permission. In addition; it is noted that the total of all of the names appearing on these miscellaneous lists does not nearly approach the total of 7,000 used by []. Likewise, it is believed the present estimate of 2,000 CP members and sympathizers made by SHERMAN and [] has no true basis in fact.

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RE: COMMUNIST PARTY MEMBERS ON GOVERNMENT PAYROLL
(Volume I, Pages 30-47)

[] in this section of his testimony, named as CP members [] U.S. Commissioner at Pittsburgh, Pa. (Bureau file 100-407308), and

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[] an employee of the State Department in Washington, D.C. (Bureau file 121-6770).

It is noted that all information in possession of Pittsburgh concerning [] and [] has been previously furnished to the Bureau, in their respective files.

[] (and [] also named as CP members a Postal inspector and a clerk ("one who sorts mail") in the Pittsburgh Post Office.

It is noted that [] has never identified the Postal inspector referred to above, or furnished any information concerning any Postal inspector in the U.S. Post Office, Pittsburgh. One of the Special Agents of the Pittsburgh Office who formerly handled [] (SA HOWARD S. MEYERJACK) has advised that [] when obviously referring to [] Pittsburgh, often mistakenly called him a Postal inspector. It is believed that [] in his testimony, has confused the identities of [] the alleged Postal inspector, and possibly other Postal clerks concerning whom he did furnish some information.

It is noted that [] did furnish information regarding one [] (report of SA C. LEONARD TREVIRANUS, Pittsburgh, dated March 15, 1950; captioned [] U.S. Post Office, Pittsburgh, Pa.; LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES", Bureau file unknown), who was recently discharged from his job in the Post Office. It is possible that [] was referring to [] when he testified concerning the individual who sorted mail at the Post Office. It is also noted that [] furnished information concerning [] a temporary substitute mail handler at the U.S. Post Office, Pittsburgh (Bureau file 121-33344), and during the course of a Loyalty of Government Employees investigation conducted by this office Special Agents utilized [] to make a discreet personal identification of []. It is possible that [] had this incident in mind when, on Page 44, of Volume I, of the testimony, he stated that he identified a Postal inspector for Bureau agents.

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RE: COMMUNIST PARTY MEMBERS IN CITY GOVERNMENT OF PITTSBURGH
Volume I, Pages 47-49

[] testified as follows in regard to Communists employed in the City Government of Pittsburgh:

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"MR. ARENS. Do you know of any persons in the employ of either the city or the State's, the local Government here, who to your knowledge are members of the Communist Party?

We have covered the Federal Government.

[] Yes, there are a few employees in the city of Pittsburgh.

MR. ARENS. Who else is it that is currently employed in any entity of the local governments here, who to your certain knowledge are Communists?

[] There are two, a Negro boy and a man in the engineers, but I can't remember his name. They are up in the city-county building, still there.

MR. ARENS. Could you identify them if you could be confronted with them?

[] Yes. I could walk right over -- I wouldn't walk up and talk to them. I can't think of their names. I have them on some sort of paper that I have.

MR. ARENS. Will you use your best efforts to procure their names and supply them to the committee as soon as practicable?

[] He is in the basement of the City-County Building.

[] He makes photo-copies.

MR. ARENS. Will you use your best efforts as soon as practicable?

[] Yes. As a matter of fact, he makes photo-copies not only for the city, but has used photo-copy equipment for Communist front activities, the Civic Rights Congress in the City Hall.

MR. ARENS. Does he have access in the use of this photo-copying equipment to any secret files?

[] In the Communist Party I used him.

[] Police files, definitely.

[] If we wanted a record on someone, if we wanted a photostat on someone, we would ask him and he would give us the photostat of the complete file, taken out of the book or the police record."

A review of the original reports of both [] and [] fails to show that either of these individuals has ever furnished this office the information concerning "a negro boy and a man in the engineers . . . in the City-County Building", which is set forth above.

It is noted that in an oral report furnished on July 25, 1952, [] made the statement that CP members seemed well and quickly informed on things

going on in the Allegheny County Courthouse (concerning the handling of STEVE NELSON, District 5, CP, Chairman then confined in the Allegheny County Jail located near the Allegheny County Courthouse), and believed that a male negro, name unknown, may have been the one furnishing the information. [] in this same report, stated that on one occasion when she was in the Allegheny County Courthouse with [] (Executive Secretary, Pittsburgh Chapter, Civil Rights Congress), a male negro, name unknown, engaged [] in conversation. [] said that she wondered if this negro might not be employed in the Allegheny County Courthouse and might not be the individual who was keeping the Party informed concerning NELSON. She also furnished a vague description of this negro during this oral report.

Neither [] nor [] ever furnished any additional information concerning this negro, and never reported that he was in any way connected with photo-copying or with District 5, CP activities, although they were recontacted and questioned concerning this matter on several occasions.

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RE: PHOTOGRAPHING OF INSTALLATIONS IN THE PITTSBURGH AREA
(Volume I, Pages 117-121; Volume II, Pages 136-139)

On these pages of the testimony noted above, [] testified concerning alleged photographs of certain areas and industrial installations in 1948 in the Pittsburgh area by individuals introduced to him by JAMES DOLSEN, Pittsburgh "Daily Worker" correspondent and convicted Smith Act subject. By his testimony in this regard, [] indicated that this photographing was a CP project aimed at obtaining a photographic record of industrial installations and facilities in the Pittsburgh area. He also testified that the Pittsburgh FBI agents "had their hands on" the films taken by these individuals.

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It is noted that Pittsburgh teletype to the Bureau, dated June 18, 1953, captioned [] FORMER SECURITY INFORMANT [], sets forth the results of an interview which was had with [] on June 17, 1953, in regard to the alleged photographing incident mentioned above. The results of this interview, set forth in detail in retel, show that [] never reported any such photographing occurring in Pittsburgh in 1948. It did show that [] was probably referring to a somewhat similar photographing incident which he reported in 1946 and which information was furnished to the Bureau. In his testimony concerning this incident, [] elaborated and exaggerated the facts which were contained in his original report concerning the 1946 incident. No report submitted by [] could be located (other than the one mentioned above), which would corroborate his testimony concerning the photographing incident, and no information could be located to show that Agents of the Pittsburgh Office had anything to do with the photographs taken by the members of this photographing team.

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RE: "ROUGHING UP" OF CONGRESSMAN JAMES G. FULTON IN CAPITOL BUILDING,
WASHINGTON, D. C.
(Volume II, Pages 133-136 and 139-140)

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Although Congressman FULTON questioned [] (Pages 139-140) concerning the incident described by [] in his testimony and apparently recalled such an incident, a thorough review of [] informant reports failed to show that he ever reported such an incident to this office.

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It is noted that [] did submit reports covering trips to Washington, D.C. to attend conferences, but the name of Congressman FULTON was not mentioned in any of these reports.

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RE: STATEMENT THAT HE [] PLED GUILTY TO BASTARDY CHARGE AT SUGGESTION
OF FBI
(Volume III, Page 272)

It is noted that Pittsburgh airtel to the Bureau, June 30, 1953, captioned "[] FORMER []", set forth that [] was interviewed on June 29, 1953, regarding this and other statements made by him and his attorney, HARRY ALAN SHERMAN, in connection with a civil action brought against [] by one []. During this interview, when challenged as to the accuracy of the statement attributed to him (that he had been advised by the FBI to enter a plea of guilty in this civil action), [] admitted that he possibly was wrong in having made such a statement to his attorney, who, in turn, made the statement before a Judge of the Common Pleas Court in Pittsburgh. As noted in reairtel, this statement made by [] in connection with this Court action has no basis in fact, and appears to have been fabricated by [] and his attorney to aid him in connection with this case.

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RE: []
(Volume I, Pages 100-101, and Volume II, Pages 35-36)

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[] testified as follows concerning []
(Pages 100-101)

[] I first met [] at a closed meeting of the Communist Party. He was giving a report of his activities in Sharron, Pa., and later I got to meet him and talk with him in closed meetings, which were conducted by the Communist Party. I have had open meetings with him, which were held on the North Side, and I have had meetings with him at the Syria Mosque, in Pittsburgh, which was the open meetings of the Communist Party. He, himself, has admitted to me being a member of the Communist Party.

MR. ARENS, How late?

[] The last contact I had with him was in 1951, personal contact with him."

It is noted no informant reports submitted by [] to the Pittsburgh Office can be located in which he furnished this office any information concerning []

As a point of information, it is also noted that the Pittsburgh Office has one current informant [] and one potential informant who have been active in the Electrical Union in the E. Pittsburgh, Pa., area for years and are personally acquainted with []. Neither of these individuals can state that [] has ever been a member of the CP.

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RE: []

(Volume I, Pages 101-102, and Volume II, Pages 74-76)

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[] testified as follows concerning []
(Pages 101-102)

[] Yes. I have met him [] and have been introduced to him by other members of the Communist Party as a communist here in Western Pennsylvania. I have attended closed meetings with him and open meetings.

"MR. DUFFY. Where and when?

[] Closed meetings, I have attended closed meetings with him from the year 1943 up until about 1953."

No informant reports submitted by [] to the Pittsburgh Office can be located in which he furnished any information concerning []

RE: []

(Volume I, Page 103, and Volume II, Pages 85-87)

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[] testified as follows concerning []
(Page 103)

[] Yes. I had met [] in the year of 1942. I was introduced to him and I have attended closed meetings with him in different sections of the city of Pittsburgh, and I have attended open and closed meetings with him until about 1952."

No informant reports submitted by [] to the Pittsburgh Office can be located in which he furnished any information concerning []

RE: []

(Volume I, Page 103, and Volume II, Pages 106-107)

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[] testified as follows concerning []
(Page 103)

"[redacted]. I met him also about the year 1942, and have attended closed meetings and open meetings with him up until the year of about 1952,"

[redacted] testified further as follows;
(Volume II, Pages 106-107)

"MR. ARENS. And what were the circumstances and conditions surrounding your acquaintanceship with [redacted], whom you have just identified?

"[redacted] - I met him at the Civil Rights Congress Office. I met him with a negro gentleman by the name of PATTERSON, ROBERT PATTERSON, who later wrote a book called "Genocide." That is who I met him with.

"MR. ARENS. In the course of your association and acquaintanceship with [redacted], did you have occasion to ascertain whether or not he is or was at the time you knew him, a member of the Communist Party?

"[redacted]. As far as seeing his membership card, no. But on my reports that I wrote to the Bureau I told them that I had met him and that I had named him in my report as a member of the Communist Party, and I explained to them on the conditions that I met him,

"MR. ARENS. Could you be a little more specific on that, please?

"[redacted] I had this one occasion to go up to the Civil Rights Congress, and [redacted] was there, and I believe a [redacted] ..."

Concerning the above testimony, it is noted that by written report dated September 26, 1952, [redacted] reported that he had received a call from the CRC Office, 147 Washington Place, Pittsburgh, on September 23, 1952, from [redacted] who asked if he would take WILLIAM PATTERSON to the airport. In his report, [redacted] continued that upon arriving at the CRC office he was told to go to Goldstein's Restaurant on Fifth Avenue, Pittsburgh. Upon arriving there he was introduced to WILLIAM PATTERSON by HYMEN SCHLESSINGER (attorney for District 5, CP members) who referred to [redacted] as an old member in whose hands WILLIAM PATTERSON would be safe. [redacted] reported that he eventually drove PATTERSON to the airport, where he (PATTERSON) boarded a plane for New York City.

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It is to be noted that the above report contains no mention of [redacted] although it is believed that this is the incident to which [redacted] referred in his testimony. Likewise, a review of all of [redacted] informant reports submitted to the Pittsburgh Office failed to show that he has ever reported any information concerning [redacted]

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It is also noted that the Pittsburgh Office has received no corroborative information to indicate that [redacted] testimony is true, and

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[] has been reported by a reliable informant as being opposed to CP policies since about 1949 and has been a leader in a movement to oust Communist leadership from the UERMWA.

RE: []

(Volume I, Page 105, and Volume III, Pages 180-182)

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[] testified as follows regarding []
(Volume I, Page 105)

[] I know to be a member of the Communist Party. He told me that himself. He came down here from Erie."

No informant reports submitted by [] to the Pittsburgh Office can be located in which he furnished any information concerning []

RE: []

(Volume I, Page 107, and Volume III, Pages 208-209)

[] testified as follows concerning []
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[] I know him [] to be a member of the Communist Party. I have attended closed meetings with him and open meetings, and have had discussions with him myself, in my car, and in different sections of the city of Pittsburgh. I know him to be a member of the Party. He has told me that himself."

No informant reports submitted by [] to the Pittsburgh Office can be located in which he furnished any information concerning []

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RE: []

(Volume I, Pages 109-110)

[] testified as follows concerning []
(Pages 109-110)

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[] I met [] in the year 1942. I was introduced to him as comrade; he was introduced to me as comrade. At that time, I knew him to be connected with the UE. I have attended closed meetings with him and I have attended open meetings with him. At one time he told me he was a member of the Communist Party."

It is noted that [], in a written report dated October 21, 1947, advised that [] attended a banquet which was held in October, 1947, at the Fort Pitt Hotel, Pittsburgh, in honor of PAT CUSH, old-time District 5, CP member. This information was reported to the Bureau in the report of Special Agent [] Pittsburgh, dated October 28, 1949, captioned, "[] INTERNAL SECURITY - C."

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By report dated March 7, 1948, [] advised that [] attended a

Wallace Convention which was held at York, Pa., on this date, and was sponsored by the Progressive Party.

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The above information is all that has been furnished to the Pittsburgh Office by [] concerning [] and a thorough review of his informant reports failed to show that he has ever named [] as a member of the CP.

RE: []
(Volume I, Pages 111-112, and Volume III, Pages 270-272)

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[] testified as follows concerning []:
(Pages 111-112)

[] I met [] around the year 1942. I have attended closed meetings with him at the Communist headquarters. I have attended closed meetings with him up at Squirrel Hill and the Downtown section. The last contact I had with him was in 1950 after MATT CVETIC came out.

[] Do you positively identify him as a person who to your certain knowledge was a member of the Communist Party?

[] Yes, sir. The only way you could attend those meetings was if you were a member of the communist party."

It is noted that in Volume III, Pages 270-272, [] testified concerning his attendance at a veterans encampment with [] and other members of the CP in Washington, D.C., in 1946. [] file at Pittsburgh contains a report submitted by him dated May 10, 1947, covering his trip and all of his activities in Washington, D.C., when he attended the veterans encampment held May 8, 1947, at Turners Arena in Washington, D.C. It is noted that this report does not mention the name of []

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[] file contains only two reports in which he mentions [] Report submitted by [] dated December 11, 1946, stated that [] attended a meeting of the City Council of District 5, CP, which was held on this date in Pittsburgh. A report dated February 12, 1947, stated that [] attended a meeting of the City Council of District 5, CP, which was held on this date at 440 Wood Street, Pittsburgh.

A review of [] informant reports submitted to the Pittsburgh Office failed to show any other information submitted to this office by [] concerning []

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RE: [REDACTED]

(Volume I, Page 112, and Volume III, Pages 312-114)

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[REDACTED] testified as follows concerning [REDACTED]
(Page 112)

[REDACTED] I met him around 1943, as a member of the Communist Party, and I have attended closed meetings with him on different issues that were brought up by the Communist Party in Downtown Pittsburgh. I attended one meeting with him where he was in the Tom Paine group, in the meeting that was called by the Tom Paine Group, and I had asked him if he was in that club and he said no, that he was just there to look around.

"MR. ARENS. Do you here and now, without equivocation, testify to your certain knowledge [REDACTED] was a member of the Communist Party?"

[REDACTED] Yes, sir.

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A thorough review of the informant reports submitted to the Pittsburgh Office by [REDACTED] shows only one instance in which [REDACTED] furnished any information concerning [REDACTED] to wit: [REDACTED] said that [REDACTED] on September 1, 1947 purchased two raffle tickets in connection with a drawing for a new Studebaker automobile which was raffled at the District 5, CP, picnic held at Linden Grove, Castle Shannon, Pa., on this same date.

RE: [REDACTED]

(Volume I, Pages 114-115, and Volume II, Pages 128-130)

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[REDACTED] testified as follows concerning [REDACTED]
(Pages 114-115)

[REDACTED] I met [REDACTED] in the year 1943, I would say, as a member of the Communist Party. I was introduced to him as a member of the Communist Party. I know that he was on the committee on the Protection of the Foreign Born. I have attended meetings with him at the Civil Rights Congress, and he, himself, has told me that he is a member of the Communist Party."

No informant reports submitted by [REDACTED] to the Pittsburgh Office can be located in which he furnished any information concerning [REDACTED]

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RE: [REDACTED]

(Volume I, Page 116, and Volume III, Pages 297 and 298)

[REDACTED] testified as follows concerning [REDACTED]:
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"[REDACTED] -- I was introduced to him as a member of the

Communist Party, I would say in the year 1943. I have lost track of him in the year about 1950, right after MATT CVETIC came out in the open. I haven't seen him since."

No informant reports submitted by [] to the Pittsburgh Office can be located in which he furnished any information concerning []

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It is noted that the testimony of [] is, in general, similar to that which she has previously furnished to this office, with the following exceptions;

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RE: []

(Volume I, Pages 96-100, and Volume II, Page 38)

[] testified as follows concerning []

[] As far as these men are concerned, I can't say too much for I haven't been in a closed meeting with these fellows, because they are usually held with union groups and union cells. But knowing him in open meetings, I have seen him and attended open meetings with him and know him as a Communist member."

It is to be noted that no informant reports submitted by [] to the Pittsburgh Office can be located in which she furnished any information concerning []

RE: []

(Volume I, Page 106, and Volume III, Pages 206-207)

[] testified as follows concerning []
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[] I worked with the man [] at the Civil Rights Congress, and I know him to be a Communist Party member."

[] also testified as follows:
(Page 207)

[] I was introduced to [] as Comrade [] and I also worked an awful lot with him at the Civil Rights Congress, at times when he sat right next to me in the Congress which was mostly and still run by the Communist members. [] who was the Executive Secretary there and most of the other members that attended most of the sessions were Communist Party members,

He at one time sat next to me and directly explained how he

had in his own union set up a committee that was going to work for him in case he was arrested, that not only would they help him in money but that he was going to go so far as they would help him in the setting up of this committee in his defense."

It is noted that the summary report of Special Agent EDWARD P. HOUGHTON, Pittsburgh, dated May 6, 1953, captioned "[redacted] was: INTERNAL SECURITY - C," set forth that on January 19, 1953, [redacted] stated that [redacted] on January 18, 1953, attended an affair at the Lithuanian Hall, 1721 Jane Street, Pittsburgh, which was sponsored by the Polish Group of the IWO. This same report set forth that on January 30, 1953, she reported that on January 28, 1953, [redacted] attended a CRC meeting at CRC Headquarters, Pittsburgh, and gave a talk at an executive meeting at that time, in which he stated that the UERMWA has a "defense for [redacted] fund and made a proposal that the Civil Rights Congress coordinate all progressive movements" to make a single movement for the defense for all those persons who might need assistance throughout the United States. This same report set forth that on March 10, 1953, [redacted] reported that on March 1, 1953, [redacted] and his wife attended a social sponsored by the CRC, held at the Jewish Cultural Center, 3328 Forbes Street, Pittsburgh, in honor of STEVE NELSON, District 5, CP, Chairman, who had, at that time, been recently released from prison.

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A review of [redacted] file at Pittsburgh fails to show that she furnished any information concerning [redacted], other than that set forth above, and no report could be located in which she named him as a member of the CP.

RE: [redacted]
(Volume I, Page 109)

[redacted] testified as follows concerning [redacted]

[redacted] I have met [redacted] at open meetings of the Communist Party, and knew him as a Communist Party member. But I have never attended a closed meeting with him. I have seen him in the office of the Civil Rights Congress and all open meetings that were held by the Communist Party."

It is noted that a review of [redacted] file at Pittsburgh shows that she has reported the following concerning [redacted]

Report of Special Agent [redacted], Pittsburgh, February 24, 1953, captioned [redacted] INTERNAL SECURITY - C; INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950" --- [redacted] on October 20, 1952, attended a Progressive Party rally held at the Fort Pitt Hotel, Pittsburgh, and made a speech at this rally.

Report of Special Agent THOMAS T. WILKINSON, Pittsburgh, October 28, 1949, captioned, changed, "[redacted] INTERNAL SECURITY - C" --- [redacted] in October, 1947, attended a banquet in honor of PAT CUSH, old

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time District 5, CP member, held at the Fort Pitt Hotel in Pittsburgh.

Report of Special Agent [redacted], Pittsburgh, September 30, 1953, captioned "[redacted]; INTERNAL SECURITY - C; INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950" -- on February 14, 1953, [redacted] attended a BEN CAREWHERS (District 5, CP member and convicted Smith Act subject) testimonial dinner held at 2040 Rose Street, Pittsburgh.

On March 1, 1953, [redacted] attended a welcome home party at the Jewish Cultural Center, Forbes Street, Pittsburgh, held in honor of STEVE NELSON, District 5, CP, Chairman, who, at that time, had recently been released from prison.

[redacted] informant reports failed to show that she has ever named [redacted] as a member of the CP.

MATTHEW CVETIC

It is noted that the testimony of MATTHEW CVETIC is, in general, similar to information he has previously furnished to this office and also, in many respects, similar to his testimony before the HCUA in February and March, 1950. In his testimony in Volume II, Pages 143-159, CVETIC deals in generalities based on his own opinions and conclusions. For this reason, no attempt was made to evaluate the accuracy of this part of his testimony. Concerning his identification of CP members, it is believed that he has been accurate in these identifications (except as noted below), in that he previously furnished similar information to this office and, in many instances, furnished the same names to the HCUA. The following discrepancies were noted:

RE: [redacted]
(Volume I, Pages 174-175 and 181, and Volume II, Pages 27-29)

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In the testimony noted above, CVETIC named [redacted] as a CP member.

It is to be noted that CVETIC testified on March 14 and 15, 1950, before the HCUA at Washington, D.C., that [redacted] was a member of the CP; however, on December 29, 1949, CVETIC was questioned specifically concerning [redacted] and he stated at that time that he had no knowledge that LONEY was a CP member. In view of this, there appears to be some question as to the validity of CVETIC's testimony before both the HCUA and the Jenner Subcommittee regarding LONEY's CP membership.

RE: [redacted]
(Volume I, Pages 175-176, and 182)

CVETIC testified as follows concerning [redacted]

"MR. CVETIC. Yes, sir. He was a member of the Electrical Commission of the Communist Party.

"MR. ARENS. Do you positively here and now identify [] as a person who, to your certain knowledge was a member of the Communist Party?

"MR. CVETIC. Yes, sir. In the Communist Party we knew him as []

"Senator BUTLER. Upon what do you base that testimony?

"MR. CVETIC. I attended closed meetings of the Communist Party at which [] or [] as he is known, and I also attended educational classes of the Communist Party which were set up for members of the Communist Party."

It is noted that the report of Special Agent RUSSELL M. GWYNNE, Pittsburgh, dated April 21, 1951, captioned [], wa.; SECURITY MATTER-C" sets forth that CVETIC reported the following concerning []:

On May 18, 1948, [] name appeared on an official membership list of the Pittsburgh Chapter, CRC.

On June 18, 1948, [] attended a meeting of the Pittsburgh Chapter, CRC, held in the Baptist Center, 2510 Center Avenue. At this meeting, [] discussed his experiences while in Washington, D.C., with a delegation which protested the Mundt-Nixon Bill.

On July 4, 1948, [] was a member of a committee which had volunteered to make arrangements for a scheduled appearance of GERHARDT EISLER at a CRC rally in Pittsburgh.

No further information furnished by CVETIC concerning [] can be located in CVETIC's file in Pittsburgh.

RE: []
(Volume I. Page 177. and Volume III. Pages 316-318)

CVETIC testified as follows concerning []

"MR. CVETIC. Yes, sir. [] was a member of the Serbian Commission of the Communist Party,

"MR. ARENS. And you served with him in the Communist Party. Is that correct?

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"MR. CVETIC. Yes, sir."

It is noted that a review of informant reports as submitted by CVETIC shows that CVETIC furnished only the following information concerning [REDACTED] No report can be located in which he names him as a CP member:

Report of Special Agent JOHN R. MITCHELL, Pittsburgh, September 10, 1952, captioned, [REDACTED] was.; SECURITY MATTER - C." On July 28, 1948 [REDACTED] was one of four individuals from the E. Pittsburgh, Pa., area who was responsible for the distribution of picnic tickets for the CP picnic held at Linden Grove, Castle Shannon, Pa., on August 16, 1948.

UACB no further investigation is being conducted under captioned subject, and this case is being placed in a closed status at Pittsburgh.

MARCH 15, 1954

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UNKNOWN SUBJECT, WA., " [redacted] LEE"; IMPERSONATION.

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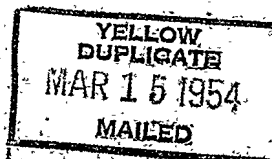
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NOTE: [redacted] Internal Security, Department of Justice, advised at 9:40 a.m., 3/15/54, that to his knowledge Cvetic was not contacted by any persons from Department of Justice and Cvetic has not been used by Department in any matters at Muskegon or Grand Rapids, Michigan. Movement Section records checked by [redacted] and Information records checked by [redacted]

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MATTHEW CVETIC;

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TESTIMONY BEFORE SENATE INTERNAL SECURITY
SUBCOMMITTEE (JENNER COMMITTEE) EXECUTIVE
SESSION, VOLUME 194, FEBRUARY 3, 1954,
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Captioned Executive Session testimony furnished by Jenner Committee 2/10/54; Photostats made and marked "Do not disseminate"; original returned Jenner Committee. [REDACTED] and Cvetic, former confidential informants of the Bureau, testified that Mullen, former Mayor of Clairton, Pennsylvania, and National Chairman of Political Action Committee, United Steel Workers of America-CIO, attended Communist Party meetings and functions and permitted use of name in support of Communist Party front groups, 1942-50. [REDACTED] also testified Mullen instigated plot in 1950 and 1953 to discredit Musmanno, Justice, Supreme Court of Pennsylvania. Mullen never investigated by Bureau. Bufiles neither substantiate allegations against Mullen nor reflect receipt of similar information from [REDACTED] or Cvetic; Bureau so notified Department 2/1/54. In 1949 [REDACTED] subject of Special Inquiry, White House investigation which reflects he was connected with three cited front groups, 1941-45 and on mailing list of former outlet for Communist Party literature as well as Communist Party headquarters, District Five, Western Pennsylvania, 1942; Bufiles contain no evidence [REDACTED] ever member of Communist Party. As result of Musmanno's anti-Communist activities as a judge, he is victim of pending "Unsub, Extortion" case opened 2/1/54, as well as closed "Unsub, Extortion" investigation conducted October and November, 1950. Musmanno testified that on 2/20/53, Mullen falsely accused Musmanno of requesting Mullen to drop charges in a bribery case pending against two Clairton councilmen. Homer, Chief of Police, Stowe Township, Pennsylvania, was supporting witness for Musmanno's claim that Mullen's accusation was false. Homer investigated by Bureau but two references in Bufiles reflect unfavorably on Homer's character. (62-75147-39, 39) Mullen testified he is not now and never has been a member of Communist Party or active in Communist affairs and in fact has always worked against Communists. Mullen refuted allegations made by [REDACTED] and Cvetic. Belmont to Ladd memo 1/8/54, recommends that since Bufiles neither substantiate allegations against Mullen nor reflect receipt of similar information from [REDACTED] and Cvetic that the Bureau not interview these former informants to determine basis for allegation. Mullen's testimony regarding Musmanno's part in bribery incident contradicts testimony of Musmanno and Homer. Captioned testimony requires no action by Bureau.

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Attachment

1 - Mr. Nichols

1 - E. J. Connelley, Internal Security Section, Room 5722

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cc: 100-372409 (Cvetic)

cc: [REDACTED]

cc: 100-407779 (Mullen)

cc: 19725 (Musmanno)

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RECOMMENDATION:

File original of this memorandum together with a Photostat of captioned Executive Session testimony, Volume 294, in the Jenner Control File, (62-88217).

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (66-2542)

DATE: April 14, 1954

FROM : SAC, Pittsburgh (67-2584A)

SUBJECT: MATTHEW CVETIC
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On April 12, 1954, this office received via the U. S. Mails a mimeographed news release consisting of four pages which contained an address by captioned individual, Republican candidate for Congress from the 28th Pennsylvania District. This address was delivered by CVETIC at 6:05 p.m. on Saturday, April 10, 1954, over the facilities of Radio Station WCAE, Pittsburgh, Pa. There are enclosed for the Bureau's information two photostatic copies of said news release and two photostatic copies of articles which appeared in the Pittsburgh Press and the Pittsburgh Sun-Telegraph on April 11, 1954, with regard to the speech which was made by CVETIC on April 10, 1954.

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The above news release which bears the notation "To et al" was apparently forwarded to this office by CVETIC since CVETIC, when same is necessary, is contacted by SA . The communication, however, is not being acknowledged.

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Ex-FBI Man Opposes U. S. Cash for Spineless Nations

Aid Only Red Fighters—Cvetic

The Government should stop "squandering your hard-earned tax money on any nation which doesn't have the backbone to fight communism," Matthew Cvetic said last night.

"In the interest of our own security we should stand foursquare with and give aid to those nations who staunchly fight the Communist aggressor.

"Above all else, we should co-operate more fully with our friends in Central and South America whom we have neglected too long," said Mr. Cvetic.

Speech Begins Campaign

He made these remarks in his opening speech for the Republican nomination for Congress from the 28th District.

The district includes the first 14 wards in Pittsburgh plus the 22nd, 23rd, 24th and 25th on the North Side. The present representative is Herman P. Eberharter, Oakland Democrat.

Mr. Cvetic posed as a Communist for the FBI and revealed the names and activities of many persons active in the Communist Party in Western Pennsylvania.

"And though my expose of Communist activities has caused many Communists to be arrested, deported or jailed, the Communist Party though smaller in number, is still operating—right in the 28th Congressional District," said the candidate.

He said that Red Boss Steve Nelson lives in the district, that the Red-front Civil Rights Con-

gress has offices in Oakland and that an affair was held there recently to raise funds for James Dolsen who was convicted of violating the Smith Act.

Lists Platform Aims

If elected, Mr. Cvetic said he would sponsor legislation to remove the statute of limitations for sabotage, espionage and conspiracy to overthrow the Government by force; a bill for the death penalty for espionage and sabotage in peacetime; life imprisonment for plotting to overthrow the Government by force.

"I take this uncompromising stand because I fully realize that if we ever lose the fight against communism, we lose our freedom forever," said Mr. Cvetic.

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Cvetic Vows Red Cleanup

Matthew Cvetic last night declared that he is running for Congress in order to sponsor legislation that will deal more strictly with Communists in the United States.

Cvetic is seeking the Republican nomination to Congress in the Twenty-eight District in the central part of Pittsburgh, now represented by Cong. Herman P. Eberharter, (D).

Serving as an under-cover man for the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Cvetic exposed Communist activities in Western Pennsylvania that resulted in a series of arrests and deportations.

Communists are still at work in the Pittsburgh area, he declared, and new legislation is needed to deal with them.

He proposed that, if elected, he will seek removal of the statute of limitations for sabotage, espionage and conspiracy to overthrow the government by force; provide a maximum penalty of death for sabotage and espionage in peace time, and amend the Smith Act to allow life imprisonment for those conspiring to overthrow the government.

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JOHN W. O'NEAL, REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE FOR CONGRESS
PITTSBURGH DISTRICT

RECEIVED WARE, SATURDAY, APRIL 10TH, 1954 - 6:05 P.M.

Americans:

Tonight I will tell you why I am a Republican candidate for Congress. What I believe we must do if our freedom is to be preserved and our nation kept secure from destruction by Communist conspirators.

I am a candidate for Congress in the 28th Congressional District. This district comprises the first fourteen wards in Pittsburgh and the 22nd, 23rd, 24th and 25th Wards in Pittsburgh's North Side.

As most of you know, in 1941 the FBI requested me to infiltrate the Communist Party for the purpose of securing intelligence information for our government. You also know that I complied with this FBI request. After attending more than four thousand secret Communist meetings, and after writing millions of words in FBI reports, I appeared before the House Committee on un-American Activities in 1950. Since then I have continued to fight Communism.

During the nine years that I posed as a Communist for the FBI, I lived in the 28th Congressional District. While my work as an FBI Undercover Agent took me all over the country, my activities in behalf of the FBI were centered right in the 28th Congressional District in which I am now a candidate for Congress.

For example, the Communist Party headquarters was located in the Duquesne Building in downtown Pittsburgh. This is in the 28th Congressional district. The Party printing plant was located in North Side at 1916 East Street in the 28th Congressional District.

A Communist training center was located on Forbes Street right in the 28th Congressional District.

Most of the thousands of secret Communist meetings I attended while posing as a Communist for the FBI were held in the 28th Congressional District.

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And though my expose of Communist activities in Western Pennsylvania has caused many communists to be arrested, deported or jailed, the Communist Party though smaller in number, is still operating -- right in the 28th Congressional District.

For example, Steve Nelson, alias Mesarosh, a Moscow trained Communist Agent, lives in the 28th Congressional District.

According to the Communist Daily Worker of March 15, 1954, the Civil Rights Congress, the propaganda front of the Communist Party, has its offices in Oakland in Room 212 Fortas Building. This is located in the 28th Congressional District.

And as late as last week the Communist Party held an affair to honor convicted communist agent James H. Dolsen upon his release from jail on \$20,000 bail. This \$20,000 bail, incidentally, was raised by the same Civil Rights Congress. This Communist affair, attended by some forty Dolsen well-wishers, was held in Oakland on Bates Street in the 28th Congressional District.

My fellow Americans, because these communists are still at work, not only in the 28th Congressional District, but throughout our nation, plotting our destruction, I want you to send me to Congress so I can complete the work I started more than sixteen years ago. It was in 1938, while I was in the Pennsylvania State Employment Service, that I first fought Communism. There as a member of the American Federation of Labor, I fought the communist-controlled State, County and Municipal Workers.

In Congress I will sponsor legislation to deal with these Communists. I will sponsor legislation which will remove the statute of limitation for sabotage, espionage and conspiracy to overthrow the United States Government by force. I will also sponsor and support legislation that will provide the maximum penalty of death for sabotage and espionage in peacetime as well as in time of war. I will introduce a bill to amend the Smith Act setting the maximum penalty of life imprisonment for those convicted of conspiring to overthrow our government by force and violence. The maximum penalty now under the Smith Act is only five years.

Rightly, President Eisenhower stated that our prime fear is not the Atomic nor the Hydrogen Bomb. Our danger arises from treacherous Communist conspirators of the Kremlin and their stooges everywhere who would drop these dreaded bombs on our cities.

J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the FBI, said there were 25,000 hard core Communists in the United States. Alger Hiss proved by his perjured testimony how dangerous one communist can be. Each one of the twenty-five thousand communists is equally as dangerous as Alger Hiss because all trained to infiltrate key positions in government, labor, education, industry, agriculture, the military and elsewhere. All for the purpose of carrying on in behalf of the Soviet conspiracy to destroy our government from within.

It is because I understand the treachery of Communism through my first hand experiences, posing as a Communist for the FBI, that I know how to deal with this subversive enemy. That is why I want you to send me to Congress.

Actually I am no stranger to Congress having appeared many times in Congressional hearings inquiring into Communism. Today I am still working with Congressional Committees and the Justice Department in the fight against Communism.

In the past four years, I have travelled more than a quarter of a million miles, speaking in forty-six states. Everywhere I have called for an uncompromising stand in the fight against Communism.

As a Republican candidate for Congress, I still take this uncompromising stand because I realize fully well that if we ever lose the fight against Communism, we lose our freedom forever.

In Congress I will whole-heartedly oppose all trade with Soviet Russia, her satellites, Communist Yugoslavia (which shot down American fliers) and Red China. There is no such thing as non-strategic material in trading with an enemy who plots to destroy you.

In the interest of our own security we should stand four-square with and give aid to those nations who staunchly fight the communist aggressor. I am opposed to squandering your hard earned tax money on any nation which doesn't have the backbone to stand up and fight communism in her own self-interest. Above all else we should cooperate more fully with our friends in Central and South America who we have neglected only too long.

Of course, I know there are many governmental problems which confront all of us every day. From time to time I expect to speak to you about them. I feel that my experience in the Department of Labor, my membership in organized labor, my experience in private business and my knowledge of common everyday problems at the grass roots level qualify me to represent you in Congress.

Therefore I gratefully ask for your support and your vote in the Republican Primary on May 18th. Thank you and goodnight.

Mr. Tolson
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Mr. Nichols
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Harbo
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Mr. Egan
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Mr. Ladd
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OFFICE MEMORANDUM - United States Government

TO : Director, FBI (61-7562-1656)

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FROM : SAC, Pittsburgh (100-4245)

SUBJECT: COMINFIL LABOR UNIONS
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Remylet, 3/17/54, and Bulet, 3/17/54, captioned, "SUBVERSIVE INFLUENCE IN THE UNITED ELECTRICAL, RADIO, AND MACHINE WORKERS OF AMERICA, PITTSBURGH AND ERIE, PENNSYLVANIA," which enclosed two copies of a printed report (bearing the same title as rebulet) setting forth the results of U.S. Subcommittee Hearings held at Pittsburgh on 11/9, 10, 12/53. (The two copies of this report have been filed in Pittsburgh file 100-4245-1A2 and 1A3).

Rebulet stated that the above report contains the same testimony as that which was set forth in the photostatic copies of the testimony previously furnished to Pittsburgh by bulet, 12/23/53, captioned, "COMINFIL LABOR UNIONS, IS-C," and points out that inasmuch as Volume I of Executive Committee Testimony, 11/9/53, is incorporated in the public report, it may now be set forth in investigative reports and disseminated.

For the information of the Bureau, it is noted that the Executive Committee Testimony set forth in the public report is not the complete record of that testimony as it was included in the photostatic copy of the testimony.

The following is the testimony set forth in Volume I of the photostatic copy which was not included in the public report:

Volume I, Line 17, page 10 through Line 15, page 20:

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This part of the testimony deals primarily with allegations made by [redacted] (former [redacted]) and HARRY LILAN SHERMAN, regarding one [redacted] (PG 100-12189), but also includes information concerning several other individuals in the Pittsburgh area.

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Volume I, Line 11, page 25 through Line 25, page 28.

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This part of the testimony deals with allegations made by [] and [] concerning one [] (PG 100-5790) and his connections with the Art Cinema Theatre in Pittsburgh.

Volume I, Line 8, page 30 through Line 11, page 49.

This part of the testimony deals with allegations made by [] and [] concerning [] U.S. Commissioner at Pittsburgh (Bufile 100-407308), (PG 100-12112) and [] (Bufile 121-6770) (PG 121-270) as well as testimony by [] and [] (former []) concerning alleged Communists in the Pittsburgh Post Office and the City Government of Pittsburgh.

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Volume I, Line 14, page 59 through Line 19, page 59.

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In this part of the testimony, [] describes her infiltration of the Polish Falcon Society in Pittsburgh on orders of [] District #5, CP member.

The following was omitted from the public report:

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"Senator Butler: Will you tell me who paid the premium on that policy? (referring to an insurance policy which, according to [] had to be purchased before one could join the Polish Falcon).

[] Am I allowed to say that the FBI paid for my policy?

Senator Butler: The FBI paid it?

[] Yes Sir."

Volume I, pages 127 through 140, inclusive.

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This is the testimony presented by [] 939 West 22nd Street, Erie, Pennsylvania, an organizer for the IUE-CIO, concerning Communist infiltration of the UERM-A at Erie.

Letter to Director
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UACB, the Pittsburgh Office will consider the above testimony which was omitted from the public report, to be confidential and will not include it in reports or other communications which are disseminated outside of the Bureau.

In view of the fact that the remainder of this Executive Committee Testimony has been included in the public report, the Pittsburgh Office will remove this testimony from its confidential classification so that it may be used in investigative reports and other communications which will possibly be disseminated outside of the Bureau.

It is noted that, per Bureau instructions, portions of this Executive Committee Testimony labeled "~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ - NOT FOR DISSEMINATION" was previously routed to the files of all Pittsburgh subjects who were mentioned in this testimony, and was also furnished to other offices in those instances where the testimony concerned individuals residing in the territories covered by those offices.

Appropriate memoranda clarifying the use of this Executive Committee Testimony will be disseminated to pertinent Pittsburgh files and will be furnished to interested offices.

It is noted that the review of the testimony of MATTHEW CZETIC and [] and [] requested by the Bureau, was forwarded to the Bureau by mylet of 3/17/54.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. L. V. BOARDMAN

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DATE: April 2, 1954

FROM : MR. A. H. BELMONT

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SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

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By memorandum dated March 30, 1954, Mr. Sizoo advised me that a representative of the Jenner Committee had contacted him concerning captioned individual. Bufiles reflect that on April 1, 1953, we furnished a summary of information from our files concerning [REDACTED] to the Jenner Committee. On November 9, 1953, Matthew Cuetic, former Bureau informant, testified before an Executive Session of the Jenner Committee that [REDACTED] was known to him as a Communist Party member during the period 1944-51, had attended open and closed Party meetings and Party educational classes with him. On the same date Beveridge testified before the Committee that he was not and never had been a Communist Party member, had never attended any Party meetings and had never been solicited for Party membership.

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On March 30, 1954, Jenner Committee representatives advised Mr. Sizoo that the Committee had received a letter dated March 19, 1954, from [REDACTED] in which he again denied Communist Party membership, called Cuetic an "unmitigated liar," and stated that Cuetic should be cited by the Jenner Committee for perjury and for contempt of Congress. Committee representatives also advised that in a letter to the Committee dated March 26, 1954, Cuetic reiterated his charges against [REDACTED] and stated that his reports to the FBI should reflect at least two years of Communist activity on the part of [REDACTED]. Copies of both [REDACTED] and Cuetic's letters to Committee were furnished to Bureau. Committee requested Bureau to advise if our files either substantiated or repudiated Cuetic's testimony before Committee and for any other information the Bureau might be able to give Committee concerning Beveridge in addition to that set out in our April 1, 1953, memorandum. Committee representatives pointed out that probably either Cuetic or [REDACTED] had committed perjury and that Committee wanted to explore matter further and probably call both before a public hearing.

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Bufiles and Cuetic's informant reports to Pittsburgh office reflect following concerning [REDACTED] (1) Cuetic reported on May 18, 1948, that [REDACTED]'s name appeared on official membership list of Pittsburgh Chapter, Civil Rights Congress (CRC), (2) On June 13, 1948, [REDACTED] attended a meeting of the Pittsburgh Chapter,

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...at a meeting at ... his experiences while in Washington, D. C., with a delegation which protested the Un-American Bill. (3) On July 4, 1946, Cvetko reported that Beveridge was a member of the committee which had volunteered to make arrangements for a scheduled appearance of Gerhard Eisler at a CFC rally in Pittsburgh. No further information furnished by Cvetko concerning Beveridge can be located in either Cvetko's file at Pittsburgh or in Bufiles. This information was furnished to the Jenner Committee in the April 1, 1953, memorandum. Our files contain no other pertinent information concerning Beveridge.

In the attached letter to the Deputy Attorney General, in addition to the facts as set out above, it is being specifically pointed out that Cvetko has, on occasions, appeared as a Government witness in different cases; that he was a Government witness in recent Smith Act trials in Pittsburgh; and that he has acted as a consultant to the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

ACTION:

(1) That the attached letter advising Deputy Attorney General William F. Rogers of the above facts and requesting approval to furnish the following to the Jenner Committee, be forwarded: (a) That Bureau files do not substantiate Cvetko's testimony of March 9, 1953, nor the statements in his March 26, 1954, letter to the Jenner Committee, (b) That the Committee was furnished all pertinent information in our files concerning Beveridge in the April 1, 1953, memorandum.

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so advised

(2) That if the above is approved by the Deputy Attorney General, the Jenner Committee be so advised.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. L. D. [redacted] dman

FROM : A. H. Belmont

SUBJECT : [redacted] MATTHEW CVETIC;
TESTIMONY BEFORE JENNER COMMITTEE

March 23, 1954
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Under date of December 23, 1953, the Pittsburgh Office was furnished with Photostats of three volumes of testimony taken before the Senate Subcommittee on Internal Security (Jenner Committee). The testimony pertained to the Communist infiltration of labor unions. To a great extent, the volumes incorporated the testimony of [redacted] and [redacted] and Matthew Cvetic, former Bureau informants. The Pittsburgh Office was instructed to review same and to make certain that pertinent information was channelized to the appropriate files and that all investigative leads were followed. In addition, Pittsburgh was instructed to determine whether the testimony of the [redacted] and Cvetic at the hearings had previously been furnished to that office by them. By letter dated March 17, 1954, Pittsburgh advised that the review was completed and that the testimony of [redacted] and Cvetic before the Jenner Committee in general was similar to that previously furnished by them to that office while they were still Bureau informants. The review made by the Pittsburgh Office reflected, however, that in several instances the testimony of [redacted] was an elaboration and exaggeration of facts as previously reported by him to the Pittsburgh Office. Cvetic and [redacted] and [redacted] while testifying, also named as Communists certain individuals not previously so identified in their reports furnished to the Pittsburgh Office. The detailed letter from Pittsburgh analyzing this testimony is attached.

In addition to the above, the Bureau has received Volume 294, Executive Session testimony, taken before the Jenner Committee on February 3, 1954. This volume also contains testimony of [redacted] and [redacted] and Cvetic. They testified that John J. Mullen, former Mayor of Clairton, Pennsylvania, and National Chairman of the Political Action Committee, United Steel Workers of America, CIO, had attended Communist Party meetings and functions and had permitted the use of his name in support of Communist Party front groups, during the period 1942-1950. Bufiles neither substantiate these allegations against Mullen nor reflect the receipt of similar information from [redacted] or Cvetic while still Bureau informants.

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Memo to L. V. Boardman
from A. H. Belmont

RE:

[REDACTED]
MATTHEW CVETIC; TESTIMONY
BEFORE JENNER COMMITTEE

On one or two occasions in the past, the Bureau has, when he [REDACTED] testimony has not been substantiated by information in our files, called this to the attention of the Jenner Committee. It is not thought that we should at this time detail to the Committee the discrepancies, exaggerations and overstatements of Cvetic and [REDACTED] as set out in this memorandum and the attachment.

ACTION:

None. For your information.

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EX - 107

[redacted]
Northumberland, Pennsylvania

Dear [redacted]:

Your letter postmarked May 10, 1954, has been received.

In connection with your inquiry, I would like to point out that Mr. Matt Guetic was never employed as a Special Agent of the FBI. He did, however, assist this Bureau as an informant from April 1948 to January 1950, and he was compensated for information furnished by him during that period.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

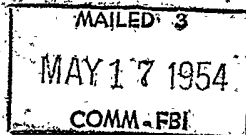
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Northumberland Pa. Apr 9-54
Hon Mrs Edgar Hoover
Dear Mrs. Hoover. (Y)

I have heard a lot in a speech
delivered by a Mrs. Matt Cortis &
believe of Pittsburg.

Was he an employee of your
department, hired and paid by
your department? To go into
the Communist Party and get
information for you or for the
various Senate investigations &
committees.

Trusting your position will
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above. I have all the faith in the
world in your decisions.

I believe all investigations
should be done by you for a fair
and unbiased reply.

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Sincerely Yours

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SAC, Pittsburgh (61-119)

Director, FBI (100-184391)

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The Bureau's file on the captioned organization discloses that [redacted] has previously volunteered information for the Bureau's assistance concerning the captioned organization.

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Following a review of your office files you are requested to submit your recommendation as to the advisability of contacting [redacted] directly for the documents mentioned by Matthew Guetic. It would seem that in this manner you would obtain access to the documents which Guetic states are in the possession of [redacted] attorney and which presumably would not become available to your office if you contacted Guetic rather than [redacted].

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cc - 100-372409 / (Guetic)

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NOTE: Matthew Guetic former C-113, was an informant of the Pittsburgh office from 1943 to January, 1950 when he was discontinued because of various indiscretions such as drinking and disclosures of his relationship with the Bureau. Since then additional such allegations have been received, and as a result the Bureau instructed Pittsburgh not to have further contact with Guetic without prior Bureau authority. The incoming letter indicated Pittsburgh did not give consideration to direct contact with [redacted] who is reportedly anti-Communist and opposed to the subject organization, a fraternal insurance organization, whose national offices are Communist controlled.

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Director, FBI (100-184391)

April 30, 1954

SAC, Pittsburgh (61-119)

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On April 14, 1954, NATHAN OVERTON, former C-113, 705 William Penn Hotel, Pittsburgh, Pa., was interviewed in connection with the case entitled "COMPRO-PHILADELPHIA, IS-C; ISA of 1950". During the interview OVERTON voluntarily advised that he had been scheduled to testify in behalf of [redacted] whom he identified as a translator for Naval Intelligence. OVERTON stated, however, that this case had been settled out of court about two weeks ago and that [redacted] was given a settlement of \$16,000.

OVERTON stated that he has in his possession some documents of [redacted] which documents reportedly show the Communist Party's control over the GPU. He offered to turn over said documents to this office for examination if same were desired. OVERTON further stated that he also has access to photostatic copies of some other documents of [redacted] which are in the possession of [redacted] attorney, one [redacted] of the Jones Laft Building, Pittsburgh. OVERTON stated that if said documents were desired, he would obtain them from Attorney [redacted] and make same available to this office. This office feels that the above documents may be of some value in captioned investigation and Bureau authority is therefore requested to contact OVERTON to secure the documents which he has in his possession. No action is contemplated, however, with regard to the documents in possession of [redacted] attorney, UACB.

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Deputy Attorney General

April 21, 1954

Director, FBI

MATTHEW CVETIC; CAMPBELL BEVERIDGE;
TESTIMONY BEFORE SENATE SUBCOMMITTEE ON
INTERNAL SECURITY (JENNER COMMITTEE)

100-3724109-✓

Reference is made to my memorandum to you dated April 5, 1954, in the above-captioned matter. On April 16, 1954, a representative of the Jenner Committee was advised that the Bureau files do not substantiate Cetic's testimony of March 9, 1953, nor the statements in his March 26, 1954, letter to the Jenner Committee. The Committee was also advised that all pertinent information in our files concerning Beveridge had been furnished to the Jenner Committee dated April 1, 1953.

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TO : Mr. Sizoo

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT: CAMPBELL BEVERIDGE

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I talked to Mr. William Rogers, Deputy Attorney General, with reference to Mr. Belmont's memorandum of April 2nd. Mr. Rogers suggested that we advise the Jenner Committee as suggested.

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cc: Mr. Belmont
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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

MAY 27, 1954

AIR-TEL

Transmit the following message to: SAC, PHILADELPHIA

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[REDACTED] RADIO STATION WKOK, SUNBURY, PENNSYLVANIA. [REDACTED]

EX-136 [REDACTED] CALLED THE BUREAU THIS A.M. AND ADVISED THAT UNITED ELECTRICAL WORKERS' UNION NUMBER 630 WESTINGHOUSE PLANT, SUNBURY, PENNSYLVANIA, WAS USING A LETTER WRITTEN BY THE DIRECTOR IN ORDER TO DISCREDIT MATT CVETIC, FORMER CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT. SMITH SAID HIS RADIO STATION HAD CARRIED TWO OF CVETIC'S PROGRAMS AND THAT ONE [REDACTED] NORTHUMBERLAND, HAD WRITTEN THE DIRECTOR AND ASKED ABOUT CVETIC'S STATUS.

[REDACTED] DID WRITE BUREAU ON MAY 10 ASKING AS TO THE STATUS OF CVETIC AND BUREAU WROTE HIM MAY 17 ADVISING CVETIC WAS CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT OF BUREAU FROM 1943 TO 1950 AND THAT HE WAS PAID FOR THE INFORMATION FURNISHED. SMITH WAS ADVISED OF THE SAME FACTS. SMITH WANTED TO KNOW IF BUREAU COULD MAKE STATEMENT RE VALUE OF INFORMATION FURNISHED BY CVETIC AND THIS REQUEST REFUSED. FOR YOUR INFORMATION.

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TO : Mr. Nichols

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] called the Director's Office and was referred to this Section. Special Agent Kemper handled the call at 9:37 a.m.

[REDACTED] said that his radio station had carried two programs by Matt Cvetic and that programs had been sponsored by the American Legion.

He stated that the United Electrical Workers' Union Number 630 at the Westinghouse plant at Sunbury was trying to discredit Matt Cvetic and were calling him a "stooge."

[REDACTED] said that a [REDACTED] Northumberland, Pennsylvania, had written the Director and asked about the status of Matt Cvetic.

[REDACTED] pointed out that [REDACTED] was very active in Union matters, that he had not seen the letter in question, but that apparently they were using it to discredit Cvetic.

Kemper advised [REDACTED] that Matt Cvetic was never employed as a Special Agent of the FBI, that he had acted as an informant from 1943 to 1950 and had been compensated for information furnished.

[REDACTED] wanted a statement from us evaluating the information furnished by Matt Cvetic. Kemper told [REDACTED] that we could not do this under any circumstances, that we did not place evaluations on information since we were an investigative agency.

[REDACTED] pointed out that apparently the United Electrical Workers' Union at Westinghouse plant was infiltrated by Communists but he had no factual information in this regard.

Attached is a tickler of a letter which we wrote to [REDACTED] which states Cvetic's status so far as the FBI is concerned. Our letter to him is dated May 17. [REDACTED] letter dated 5/10/54.

Attachment

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Memo to Mr. Nichols

May 27, 1954

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At 10:50 a.m. [] again called Agent Kemper and stated that he wanted to read what he was going to say over the air. It will read as follows: In regard to Matt Cuetic, a reporter for WKOK called the FBI and spoke to a Special Agent. He was advised that Cuetic was not a Special Agent but that he had been employed as a confidential informant and that the FBI had paid for his services. It was further noted that the FBI could not comment or evaluate on the information furnished by Matt Cuetic.

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On second call [] said that he was [] the Americanism Committee of the Chamber of Commerce at Sunbury and frankly they were pretty well burned up over the local United Electrical Workers' Union.

He said that he wanted to call the Bureau before making any statement as he wanted to get the facts. Kemper said we appreciated his call, that he now had the facts and that we could comment no further on the matter.

RECOMMENDATION:

In view of the fact that this might generate local inquiry, it is recommended that the attached Air-tel be sent to Philadelphia.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, Pittsburgh (67-2584A)

SUBJECT: MATTHEW CVETIC
Former Security Informant
C-113
CONF. INFT.

DATE: September 23, 1954

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On September 20, 1954, [redacted] former security informant [redacted] Pittsburgh, Pa., personally turned over to SA [redacted] Pittsburgh, a letter dated September 16, 1954, which letter was turned over to [redacted] by [redacted] who is employed by the [redacted] Building, Pittsburgh. [redacted] advised that said letter was sent to [redacted] in care of the Gateway Club, 131 Edgewood Avenue, Pittsburgh 18, Pa., on September 16, 1954.

An examination of said letter revealed that it was issued by one RICHARD REED, Press representative for MATTHEW CVETIC, and said letter had as an enclosure an attachment which contains biographical data concerning CVETIC.

A photostatic copy of said letter and its attachment are being forwarded to the Bureau as inclosures and as a matter of information.

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cc -1- Pittsburgh (67-3314)

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ENCLOSURES TO BUREAU:

One (1) photostatic copy of letter.

One (1) photostatic copy of attachment to letter.

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September 18, 1964

Dear Friends:

Mr. Matt Cvetic, who for nine years posed as a Communist for the F. B. I., and who has toured coast-to-coast during the past four years speaking on his experiences, will confine his lecturing on the Red menace this fall to his home state of Pennsylvania, so that he may complete his book.

If your club would be interested in seeing and hearing Mr. Cvetic in your community, you may contact him through his personal representative, Mr. Richard Reed, at his office in the William Penn Hotel, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Most sincerely,

MATT CVETIC

Mr. *Richard Reed*

RICHARD REED,

Press Representative

Enc.

Atlantic 1-7100

I WAS A COMMUNIST FOR THE FBI

Born: Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, March 4, 1909. One of eleven children (7 boys and 4 girls)

Education: Saint Mary's Elementary School, Pittsburgh, Pa.
Saint Vincent College Prep., Latrobe, Pa.
Curry Business College, Pittsburgh, Pa.
International School of Criminology, Seattle, Washington

Department: U. S. Department of Labor (U. S. Employment Service)
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice

FBI Undercover Activities: Mr. Cvetic was approached by the FBI in the spring of 1941 for the purpose of infiltrating the Communist Party to secure intelligence information on Communist subversive and espionage activities. Mr. Cvetic complied with the FBI request and actually joined the Communist Party for the FBI on Lincoln's Birthday in 1943. Posing as a Communist, Mr. Cvetic attended some 4000 secret meetings with Soviet Agents and American Communists and reported regularly to the FBI.

Personal: His mother and father came to this country from Slovenia, and became staunch citizens. Both parents were very disheartened at what they considered their son's traitorous communist activities.

For security reasons, Mr. Cvetic was not permitted to tell his parents his true FBI role, and his mother died in October 1949 believing her favorite son had betrayed his country. His father who had been ill for three years, died on Memorial Day, 1950, three months after Matt's real FBI role was made public through testimony before a Congressional Committee. Matt's father on learning the truth was reassured in his final days knowing that all his children were good Americans.

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SEPTEMBER 10, 1954

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[REDACTED] WAS, IS-C, SMITH ACT OF 1940. RE PG
AIRTEL DATED SEPTEMBER 3, 1954. IN VIEW OF KNOWN UNRELIABILITY
OF MATTHEW CUETIC, IT IS NOT DESIRED THAT HE BE CONTACTED IN
THE ABSENCE OF A SPECIFIC REQUEST FROM THE DEPARTMENT.

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DIRECTOR, FBI

[REDACTED] WAS., IS-C; SMITH ACT OF 1940 (CHICAGO
ORIGIN). RE CHICAGO LETTER TO THE BUREAU 8-26-54, WHICH
REQUESTED OFFICES WHERE SMITH ACT TRIALS HAVE BEEN HELD IN
THE PAST TO CONTACT INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE PREVIOUSLY TESTIFIED
AT THESE TRIALS IN AN EFFORT TO OBTAIN INFORMATION CONCERNING

[REDACTED] IN COMPLIANCE WITH ABOVE, IT IS REQUESTED THAT
BUREAU AUTHORITY BE GRANTED FOR PITTSBURGH TO INTERVIEW
MATTHEW CVEPIC, FORMER PITTSBURGH INFORMANT C-113, WHO WAS
UTILIZED AS A WITNESS DURING THE COURSE OF THE SMITH ACT
TRIALS AT PITTSBURGH, PA., FOR ANY INFORMATION HE MAY HAVE
WITH RESPECT TO THE CP ACTIVITIES OF [REDACTED]
DURING THE COURSE OF THE STATUTORY PERIOD.

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cc: 100-372409 (Matthew Cvetic)

Mr. A. H. Belmont

September 10,
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Mr. E. J. Baumgardner

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As you recall, [REDACTED] was arrested in Chicago on June 26, 1954, on the basis of a secret indictment returned in Chicago on May 14, 1954, charging [REDACTED] with violating the membership provision of the Smith Act. His trial has been tentatively scheduled to begin on September 21, 1954.

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By letter to the Bureau dated August 26, 1954, the Chicago Office requested those offices where Smith Act trials had been held in the past to contact individuals who have testified at these trials in an effort to obtain additional evidence against [REDACTED].

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By airtel dated September 8, 1954, the Pittsburgh Office requested Bureau authority to interview Matthew Cvetic, who was utilized as a Government witness during the Pittsburgh Smith Act trial, to determine if Cvetic has any information with respect to the Communist Party activities of [REDACTED] during the statutory period.

RECOMMENDATION:

In view of Cvetic's known unreliability and the previous difficulties experienced by the Bureau in its dealings with him, it is recommended that Cvetic not be contacted in the absence of a specific request from the Department.

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Director, FBI

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SAC, Philadelphia (100-38281)

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On 8/5/54, Sergeant [redacted] Detective Bureau, Pennsylvania State Police Headquarters, Harrisburg, Pa., advised SA [redacted] that HYMEN SCHLESINGER of Schlesinger and Schlesinger, Attorneys, 808 Renshaw Building, Pittsburgh, Pa., had written a letter to the Secretary of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Harrisburg, Pa., requesting an investigation be conducted to determine if MATTHEW CVETIC had permission to carry a revolver.

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Sergeant [redacted] advised the matter had been referred to the Pennsylvania State Police who had written a letter to SCHLESINGER advising him the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania did not conduct investigations for, or give information concerning investigations, to private citizens.

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An additional copy of this letter is being furnished to the Bureau for its file on CVETIC.

Above for information of Bureau and Pittsburgh.

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CCs: Bureau (MATTHEW CVETIC) (REGISTERED MAIL) ✓
2 - Pittsburgh (100-4137) (HYMEN SCHLESINGER)
(MATTHEW CVETIC) (REGISTERED MAIL)

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont

DATE: June 16, 1954

FROM : R. R. Roach

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SUBJECT:

MATTHEW CVETIC;

TESTIMONY BEFORE EXECUTIVE SESSION,
JENNER COMMITTEE, AS CONTAINED IN
VOLUME 320, EXECUTIVE SESSION TESTIMONY,
MAY 25, 1954

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SYNOPSIS:

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Bureau confidentially furnished Volume 320, Executive Session testimony, Jenner Committee, containing testimony of captioned individuals. Executive Session testimony is confidential and cannot be disseminated outside Bureau. At the time of furnishing this testimony, the Committee indicated that perjury violations existed as a result of the testimony and requested that they be furnished any information which would verify testimony. The Director noted "We of course will not furnish Committee with any information. That is up to the Department. H." [redacted] ex-Bureau informant, testified that [redacted] owner Art Cinema Theater, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, was Communist Party (CP) member; had given CP percentage on movies playing at that theater; had contributed money to CP; had used theater for CP meetings; and had shown pro-Communist movies after hours for CP members. [redacted] also testified that [redacted] had arranged for Bureau Agents to cover CP meetings at theater; that FBI had staged a fake raid in his home in order to get him in better with the CP; that the FBI had had him drafted in 1945 in order for him to cover [redacted] activities in the Armed Services. Cvetic, ex-Bureau informant, testified he met [redacted] in 1946 or 1947 and that he knew [redacted] as a CP member. Cvetic had not furnished such information to the Bureau. [redacted] denied CP membership, past or present, but did admit association with CP members in connection with showing Soviet films at his theater. He admitted that he paid the advertising expenses of the CP in advertising these films, but denied giving CP percentage on the films. He testified that he met Cvetic in 1950 and subsequently told Cvetic that [redacted] was spreading lies about him and that Cvetic suggested he go to the FBI. (Cvetic also testified that he had told [redacted] that he should go to the FBI concerning stories spread by [redacted] Review of testimony indicated possibility that both [redacted] and [redacted]

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cc - Mr. G. H. Hall

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(3) That the Jenner Committee be requested to release the Executive Session testimony of [] and [] in order that this matter may be referred to the Department, and so the testimony may be available for use in investigation.

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(4) That [] not be interviewed concerning this testimony, inasmuch as previous contacts with [] have shown him to be uncooperative and unreliable.

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DETAILS:

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Bureau, on June 1, 1954, was confidentially furnished Volume 320, Executive Session testimony, Jenner Committee, containing the testimony of captioned individuals as given on May 25, 1954. Executive Session testimony is confidential and cannot be disseminated outside the Bureau. Photostats made, original returned to Committee. Photostats marked "DO NOT DISSEMINATE."

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At the time of furnishing this testimony, Ed Duffy and Frank Schroeder, Jenner Committee, requested of Mr. Keay that the Jenner Committee be advised of any information in Bufiles which would verify [] testimony, inasmuch as the Committee was interested as to who was telling the truth and whether perjury was involved. Mr. Keay's memorandum, 6-2-54, which set out the above information, contained the Director's notation "We of course will not furnish Committee with any information. That is up to the Department. H."

[] ex-Bureau informant, testified that he had been employed by [] as house manager of the Art Cinema Theater, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, from 1935 until 1953. He said that [] had requested that he join the American League Against War and Fascism, a cited organization, and had attempted to get him to join the Young Communist League, another cited organization. [] named [] and his wife, Charlotte, as Communist Party (CP) members; said that he had attended CP meetings with [] that the Art Cinema Theater was used by the CP for meetings; that the theater was used to show Soviet movies after hours; that [] had donated money to the CP, and had given them a percentage on Soviet movies; that [] had contributed \$1,000 in 1938 or 1939 to set up a bookstore for the CP, and had never been paid back. He testified, however, that [] later got it back three or four times by not giving the CP their correct cut on Soviet movies.

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During his testimony, [] mentioned that he had arranged to have FBI Agents cover CP meetings held in the theater and at one time had arranged to have his house raided by the FBI in order to get him in better with the Communist Party. [] denied that [] had ever overheard him reporting to the FBI by telephone. [] during his testimony, mentioned the fact that he had on two occasions heard [] talking to the FBI over the telephone, and that [] had told him that he was in trouble with the FBI.)

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[] also made the statement, that in July, 1945, the head of the FBI told him that he [] was going into the service, and that he asked why, as he was overage and had two children. He said that he was then told that [] was stationed in Florida and that he would be sent to Orlando Air Force Base, Orlando, Florida, and that the length of time he was in the service would depend on the length of time [] remained in the service. He said that the Bureau arranged for him to go to the base where [] was stationed and observe him there. (It should be noted that in [] testimony, [] testified that he had been stationed at McDill Field, Florida, and Robbins Air Force Base, Georgia, and had never been stationed at Orlando.)

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[] also testified that [] had obtained an attorney, [] who contacted [] attorney, Harry Alan Sherman, and offered \$10,000 or more if [] would keep his mouth shut concerning []. He said that he made a date for luncheon with them and told the FBI about it and the FBI probably watched the luncheon. He said that at this luncheon [] was covered by Detective []. [] also testified that [] which he presently operates.

[] made the statement to [] that [] had received money from [] to keep his mouth shut, and that [] should pay the Government what he owed them.

Matthew Cvetic, former Bureau informant. Referral/Consult

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[] Cvetic stated that he first met [] in 1946 or 1947 and that he knew him as a member of the CP. He stated that [] was a secret member but that he, Cvetic, being a member of the Financial Committee of the CP, had access to the names of such members in order to get contributions from them. He did state that he had never attended CP meetings with [] and had never held CP discussions with him. He said that he knew that CP meetings were held at the Art Cinema Theater. Cvetic denied discussing with [] his, Cvetic's, financial arrangements with Harry Alan Sherman, Pittsburgh attorney, who formerly represented Cvetic after Cvetic left the CP. He said that [] had come to him and told him that [] was spreading lies about him and asked him what he could do about it. Cvetic stated that he suggested that [] go to the FBI. (It should be noted that a review of []'s main file, which includes a summary report dated 2-25-54, failed to reflect that Cvetic had ever furnished any information to the Bureau concerning Rubin's CP affiliations.)

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[redacted], Carlton House, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, accompanied by Attorney [redacted], Washington, D. C., testified that in 1935 he went into partnership with [redacted] in Pittsburgh. [redacted]

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[redacted] According to [redacted] his theater exhibited Soviet films issued by Art Kino, Soviet agency, from 1935 to 1939, and again from 1942 until 1945. [redacted] admitted that he had frequent contact with the CP concerning the showing of these films and that the CP did some advertising for him in connection with the films. He said that he paid the CP for this advertising, but denied that he had ever paid them a percentage on any film shown at his theater.

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[redacted] denied ever being a CP member; attending CP meetings or a CP school; contributing money to the CP; encouraging [redacted] to join the CP; subscribing to the "Daily Worker," east coast Communist newspaper; holding CP meetings at his theater; or requesting that [redacted] join the American League Against War and Fascism.

He admitted using copies of the "Daily Worker" as advertisements for Soviet movies playing at his theater, and stated that these "Daily Workers" were purchased at a news stand.

[redacted] stated that [redacted] had worked for him from 1935 to 1952. He told the Committee that at one time [redacted] had thrown his, [redacted] wife down the stairs of the Art Cinema Theater and as a result had been hit by [redacted] brother. He said that [redacted] had insulted theater patrons and on one occasion had threatened to kill [redacted] [redacted] stated that on one occasion he told [redacted] that [redacted] was making a mistake in getting tied up with the CP and suggested that [redacted] leave the Party alone. He also said that at the time Cvetic left the Party--receiving wide publicity--[redacted] told [redacted] that he, [redacted] could do the same thing and make more money than Cvetic. (It should be noted that [redacted] testified that [redacted] on one occasion had warned him against the CP, but that he had been told by [redacted], CP official, that [redacted] was only making a security check on him.)

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[redacted] testified that he met Cvetic for the first time in 1950 at the bar of the William Penn Hotel. He said that he had met him on subsequent occasions and that Cvetic had secured theater tickets through him. He said that while in New York on

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a business trip he had been approached by a friend who told him that he heard that he had been arrested by the FBI. He also stated that [] had spread other stories concerning him, and that he had discussed these stories with Cuetic, who suggested that he go to the FBI. He said that he did not go to the FBI but had since that time spoken to the FBI. (It should be noted that [] was interviewed by the Pittsburgh Office on April 6, 1954.) [] also stated that Cuetic on one occasion told him that Harry Alan Sherman, Cuetic's attorney, had taken too large a percentage from Cuetic's bookings and that he had severed relations with him. (As set out above, Cuetic denied this allegation.)

[] testified that he entered the United States Air Force in 1942 and was discharged in 1946 as a sergeant. He said that he served at McDill Field, Florida, and Robbins Air Force Base, Georgia. [] said that while in the service, he had applied for a commission, but had been turned down due to the fact that he had exhibited Russian films at his theater.

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OBSERVATIONS:

A review of Bufiles reflects that both [] and [] possibly have committed perjury during this testimony.

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A review of []'s main file, [] reflected that he has, in the past, advised the Pittsburgh Office that [] was a CP member; that [] gave the CP a percentage on films shown at his theater; that [] donated money to the CP and that CP members had contacted [] at the Art Cinema Theater. However, it should be noted that [] testimony concerning Agents attending CP meetings at the Art Cinema Theater is not borne out by a file review. His testimony that the Bureau had him drafted in order that he could cover [] activities in the Air Force is, of course, false. The [] file does not reflect that the FBI has ever raided his home as a cover for his activities. His file does not indicate that he ever advised the Bureau that [] had offered him \$10,000 to keep quiet. You will recall that [] has testified before Congressional committees in the past and has told the committees that the Bureau is aware of the information to which he was testifying, when in fact, [] had not furnished such information to the Bureau. (i.e., []'s testimony that the CP had planned Senator McCarthy's assassination; that he, [] at the Bureau's request; that [] U. S. Commissioner, Pittsburgh, was a CP member and that he had so identified Lavine to Bureau Agents.)

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Due to [] unreliability, it is not felt that he should be interviewed regarding possible perjury committed by []. It is also noted that in view of [] past activities he would be of little value as a witness in a perjury trial. It is further not felt that any effort should be made to contact [] for the purpose of telling him to desist in talking about the Bureau. He has been contacted on several occasions for this purpose and has been uncooperative and obstreperous. This matter has been dealt with in detail in a memorandum from Mr. Baumgardner to Mr. Belmont dated June 14, 1954, captioned "[] , Former Pittsburgh Security Informant."

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[] is the subject of a pending Security Matter investigation. He is not on the Security Index. A review of his main file, 100-205796, reflected that a majority of information showing CP activity on his part was furnished by [] presently a paid active informant of the Pittsburgh Office, in 1942, reported that the owner of the Art Cinema Theater was a CP member. At that time the theater was owned by []. With the exception of the above two persons, no other direct testimony exists showing [] to be a CP member. []

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By air-tel dated 6-4-54, the Pittsburgh Office advised that [] had appeared at that office, but had refused to sign a statement given by him at a previous interview, due to [] testimony. He acknowledged, however, that the statement was substantially correct. This statement will, of course, be furnished to the Bureau.

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(U) A letter is attached for the Pittsburgh Office, requesting that they reinterview [] for any additional information he may have concerning [] CP membership. []

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[REDACTED] SM - C. RE PITTSBURGH AIR TEL JUNE 4, 1954,
REQUESTING WFO OBTAIN TRANSCRIPT OF JENNER COMMITTEE HEARINGS OF
MAY 25, 1954, INVOLVING SUBJECT. INASMUCH AS WFO HAS NO LIAISON WITH
JENNER COMMITTEE, BUREAU REQUESTED TO SECURE TRANSCRIPT.

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PG. 2-25-54, CAPTIONED AS ABOVE AND MEMORANDUMS 1-29-54 AND 2-2-54, CAPTIONED " [REDACTED] , FORMER [REDACTED] . ON 6-2-54 SUBJECT VISITED THIS OFFICE ostensibly TO READ AND SIGN A STATEMENT PREPARED FROM INFORMATION OBTAINED BY AGENTS DURING AN AUTHORIZED INTERVIEW WITH THE SUBJECT ON 4-6-54. IT IS NOTED THAT NUMEROUS UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPTS WERE MADE TO RECONTACT SUBJECT FOR THE PURPOSE OF SIGNING THIS STATEMENT PRIOR TO SUBJECT'S APPEARANCE AT THIS OFFICE ON 6-2-54. AT THE OUTSET OF THE INTERVIEW ON 6-2-54 SUBJECT ADVISED THE INTERVIEWING AGENTS THAT HE WAS VERY UPSET AND ANGRY DUE TO THE FACT THAT HE HAD BEEN SUBPOENAED TO TESTIFY AT AN EXECUTIVE SESSION OF THE JENSEN COMMITTEE IN WASHINGTON, D.C. ON 5-25-54. SUBJECT EXPLAINED THAT BUSINESS COMMITMENTS HAD

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PREVENTED HIM FROM RECONTACTING THE INTERVIEWING AGENTS. b7D
SUBSEQUENT TO THE ORIGINAL INTERVIEW ON 4-6-54 AND THAT THIS
WAS THE FIRST OPPORTUNITY HE HAD HAD TO CONTACT THE AGENTS
SINCE HIS TESTIMONY BEFORE THE JENNER COMMITTEE. SUBJECT
STATED THAT HE FELT THAT THERE WAS A CONNECTION BETWEEN HIS
ORIGINAL INTERVIEW WITH THE FBI AND HIS BEING SUBPOENAED
BEFORE THE JENNER COMMITTEE IN WASHINGTON WHERE HE WAS
CONFRONTED BY [REDACTED] (FORMER [REDACTED]) AND MATTHEW
CVETIC (FORMER C-113) AND HARRY ALAN CHERMAN, PG ATTORNEY,
APPARENTLY REPRESENTING [REDACTED] AND CVETIC. SUBJECT SAID
THAT THE TESTIMONY GIVEN BY [REDACTED] AND CVETIC BEFORE THE
JENNER COMMITTEE WAS VERY GENERAL AND VAGUE BUT, IN ESSENCE,
THEIR TESTIMONY LABELLED HIM AS A CP MEMBER. HE SAID THAT
NEITHER [REDACTED] NOR CVETIC FURNISHED ANY SPECIFIC DETAILS
OR DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT THEIR TESTIMONY. ACCORDING
TO THE SUBJECT, CVETIC DID NOT CLAIM THAT HE HAD PERSONAL
KNOWLEDGE OF SUBJECT'S CP MEMBERSHIP BUT TESTIFIED THAT HE
"HAD HEARD AND UNDERSTOOD THAT DUBIN WAS A COMMUNIST."
SUBJECT WAS PARTICULARLY VEREMENT IN HIS DENUNCIATION OF
[REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] TESTIMONY AND CALLED [REDACTED] A "PSYCHOPATHIC

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HANAG AND A CONGENITAL LIAR WHO WAS USING HIS FORMER CONNECTIONS AS AN UNDERCOVER AGENT FOR THE FBI TO OBTAIN PUBLICITY AND FINANCIAL GAIN AT THE EXPENSE OF MANY INNOCENT PEOPLE." SUBJECT SAID THAT [REDACTED] TESTIMONY WAS "A PAGE OF LIES" AND GENERALLY SO FANTASTIC THAT HE WAS AMAZED THAT IT WAS ALLOWED BEFORE A SENATE COMMITTEE. ACCORDING TO SUBJECT, IN ADDITION TO FALSE TESTIMONY REGARDING SUBJECT'S PERSONAL LIFE AND ALLEGED COMMUNIST MEMBERSHIP, [REDACTED] MADE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS BEFORE THE JENNIS COMMITTEE: 1. THAT PRIOR TO COMING TO WASHINGTON TO TESTIFY BEFORE THE JENNIS COMMITTEE ON 5-25-54, HE [REDACTED] RECEIVED SEVERAL TELEPHONE CALLS THREATENING HIS LIFE IF HE TESTIFIED AGAINST RUBIN. [REDACTED] SAID THAT HE CALLED MR. HALLFORD OF THE FBI AT PG TO REPORT THESE THREATS AND WAS THEN PROTECTED BY THE FBI UNTIL HE REACHED WASHINGTON. 2. THAT IN JULY, 1945 HE [REDACTED] WAS FORCED TO GO INTO THE U.S. ARMY BY THE FBI FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF KEEPING WATCH OVER [REDACTED] ACCORDING TO THE SUBJECT, [REDACTED] OFFERED NO PROOF OF THIS AND STATED THAT THE CLOSEST CONTACT HE HAD WITH [REDACTED] IN THE SERVICE WAS WHEN HE WAS STATIONED AT ORLANDO, FLA. AND [REDACTED] WAS STATIONED

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AT MC DILL FIELD, TAMPA, FLA. SUBJECT ALSO STATED THAT THE MAIN PURPOSE OF HIS VISIT TO THE FBI OFFICE WAS TO SEE IF THE FBI COULD NOT TAKE SOME ACTION TO PREVENT [REDACTED] FROM "TELLING OUTLANDISH LIES AND SLANDERING AMERICAN CITIZENS AT WILL". HE STATED THAT HE HAS GREAT RESPECT FOR THE FBI AND COULD NOT BELIEVE THAT THE BUREAU OR THE GOVERNMENT WOULD ALLOW [REDACTED] TO ACT IN THIS MANNER. SUBJECT POINTED OUT THAT, WHILE TESTIFYING BEFORE THE JENNER COMMITTEE, HE HAD NOT MENTIONED THAT HE HAD BEEN INTERVIEWED BY THE FBI. HE SAID THAT HERETOFORE HE HAS NOT ATTEMPTED TO REPLY TO THE "LIES AND SLANDEROUS STATEMENTS" REGARDING HIMSELF WHICH HAVE BEEN CIRCULATED BY [REDACTED] AMONG THEATRICAL PEOPLE IN PITTSBURGH, BECAUSE HE THOUGHT THAT [REDACTED] MIGHT BE DOING SOME GOOD FOR THE COUNTRY AND THE FBI. SUBJECT NOW BELIEVES, HOWEVER, THAT [REDACTED] HAS EITHER BECOME MENTALLY UNBALANCED OR IS SIMPLY BEING DURED AND LID INTO HIS FALSE TESTIMONY BY ATTORNEY HARRY ALAN SHERMAN. SUBJECT CONTINUED THAT, SINCE [REDACTED] HAS NOW GIVEN FALSE TESTIMONY AGAINST HIM AND HIS SLANDERED BOTH HIM AND HIS WIFE, HE IS PREPARED TO FIGHT [REDACTED] IN EVERY WAY POSSIBLE AND TO EXPOSE HIM FOR "THE FRAUD WHICH HE IS".

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SUBJECT ALSO MENTIONED THAT, ALTHOUGH THE JENNER COMMITTEE HEARINGS IN WASHINGTON ON 5-25-54 WERE EXECUTIVE SESSIONS, SHORTLY AFTER HIS RETURN FROM WASHINGTON, HE READ AN ARTICLE IN "POX OFFICE", A THEATRICAL MAGAZINE, PUBLISHED IN KANSAS CITY, MO., WHICH TOLD OF HIS BEING SUBPOENAED BY THE JENNER COMMITTEE. SUBJECT BELIEVES THAT [REDACTED] OR SHERMAN FURNISHED THIS INFORMATION TO THE POX CORRESPONDENT OF THIS MAGAZINE. CONCERNING THE STATEMENT WHICH SUBJECT WAS TO SIGN, ALTHOUGH HE REQUESTED CERTAIN CHANGES BE MADE IN PHRASEOLOGY (WHICH WAS DONE), HE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THE INFORMATION SET FORTH THEREIN WAS SUBSTANTIALLY CORRECT BUT REFUSED TO SIGN SAME. HE SAID THAT AS A RESULT OF THIS LATEST [REDACTED] INCIDENT, HE WOULD NOT SIGN A STATEMENT AND THAT ANY FURTHER CONTACT WITH HIM WOULD HAVE TO BE ARRANGED THROUGH HIS ATTORNEY, WHOM HE DID NOT NAME. THE INTERVIEWING AGENTS ADVISED THE SUBJECT THAT THERE WAS ABSOLUTELY NO CONNECTION BETWEEN HIS BEING INTERVIEWED BY THE FBI AND CONSEQUENTLY BEING SUBPOENAED BY THE JENNER COMMITTEE. [REDACTED] PAST COLLECTIONS WITH THE BUREAU AS AN INFORMANT WERE EXPLAINED TO THE SUBJECT, IT BEING EMPHASIZED THAT

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[] WAS NOT AN UNDERCOVER AGENT OR AN EMPLOYEE OF THE BUREAU. IT WAS ALSO EXPLAINED TO THE SUBJECT THAT [] NO LONGER HAS ANY CONNECTION WITH THE BUREAU AND THAT THE BUREAU DOES NOT SPONSOR OR CONTROL [] APPEARANCES BEFORE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES OR THE HEARING BOARDS. IT WAS ALSO EMPHASIZED TO THE SUBJECT THAT [] STATEMENT ABOUT RECEIVING PROTECTION FROM THE FBI WAS FALSE SINCE AS THE BUREAU IS NOT A PROTECTIVE AGENCY AND UNDERTAKES TO FURNISH POLICE PROTECTION FOR NO ONE. NO COMMENT WAS MADE CONCERNING [] ALLEGED TELEPHONE CALL TO SAC CALIFORD OR [] ALLEGATION THAT HE HAD BEEN FORCED INTO THE U.S. ARMY TO WATCH OVER THE SUBJECT. NO COMMENT WAS MADE CONCERNING [] ACTIONS SINCE HIS EXPOSURE AT THE ROSENBERG ACT TRIAL AND SUBJECT WAS TOLD THAT THE BUREAU COULD NOT ADVISE HIM CONCERNING ANY ACTION HE MIGHT WANT TO TAKE AGAINST [] AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE INTERVIEW, THE SUBJECT INDICATED THAT HE UNDERSTOOD THE BUREAU'S POSITION IN REGARD TO [] AND NOW BELIEVED THAT THE BUREAU WAS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR HIS BEING EXPOSED BY THE JENSEN COMMITTEE. A REPORT, INCORPORATING THE RESULTS OF THE INTERVIEW OF 4-6-54, WITH

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THE SUBJECT AND THE STATEMENT WHICH HE REFUSED TO SIGN, WILL
BE SUBMITTED TO THE BUREAU. IT IS NOTED THAT [REDACTED]
DID MAKE NO TELEPHONE CALLS TO THIS OFFICE IN RECENT MONTHS
AND THAT THIS OFFICE HAS HAD NO RECENT CONTACT WHATSOEVER
WITH HIM PER BUREAU INSTRUCTIONS. [REDACTED] CLAIMED STATEMENTS
AS HIS HAVING BEEN FURNISHED PROTECTION BY THIS OFFICE AND
HAVING BEEN FORCED INTO THE U. S. ARMY BY THE FBI FOR THE
PURPOSE OF KEEPING WATCH OVER RUBIN, ARE, OF COURSE, RIDICULOUS
AND HAVE NO BASIS IN FACT. PG CONTEMPLATES NO FURTHER ACTION
IN CONNECTION WITH THE 6-2-54 INTERVIEW WITH THE SUBJ. IT WAOB.
WHO IS REQUESTED TO OBTAIN, IF POSSIBLE, A FINGERPRINT OF THE
JANUARY COMPLETED HEARING OF 6-25-54 INVOLVING THE DEPT. OF
FOR THE BUREAU AND PG. FOR THE BUREAU'S INFORMATION, MRS.
[REDACTED] TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED ME ON THE MORNING OF
5-21-54 TO ADVISE THAT SHE COULD SEE NO REASON FOR HER AND HER
HUSBAND, [REDACTED] BEING DETAINED AND IN CLARIFICATION OF
BEING DETAINED, SHE MENTIONED THAT A [REDACTED] FROM THE
BELIEVED TO BE AN EMPLOYEE OF THE ALLEGHENY COUNTY PROBATION

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OFFICE, HAD CALLED [REDACTED]

CHARGES PREVIOUSLY BROUGHT AGAINST [REDACTED] AS THE
BUREAU IS AWARE, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

CORE INFLUENCE IN [REDACTED] DEMANDS. I ADVISED [REDACTED]
THAT THIS BUREAU HAD NOTHING WHATEVER TO DO WITH THE ACTION
OF THE COURT AGAINST HER HUSBAND AND THAT I COULD OFFER HER
NO ADVICE OR SUGGESTIONS AS TO WHAT SHE SHOULD DO IN THE
MATTER. THIS IS THE ONLY CONTACT MADE WITH OR BY [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] ON HER HUSBAND IN SEVERAL MONTHS. FOR THE BUREAU'S
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, [REDACTED] USA, PITTSBURGH,
ADVISED ME ON 6-2-54 THAT HE HAD BEEN IN THE CARLTON HOUSE
IN PITTSBURGH, WITH HIS FIRST ASSISTANT, [REDACTED], ON
5-21-54, AND WHILE IN THE CARLTON HOUSE, HE HAD CASUALLY MET
HARRY ALAN SHERMAN, WHO HAS HIS LAW OFFICES IN THE CARLTON
HOUSE. SHERMAN HAD BEEN A SCHOOL-MATE OF USA HOLLYAINE, AND HE

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INVITED McILVAINE AND [REDACTED] TO DROP IN HIS OFFICES TO LOOK THEM OVER, WHICH MR. McILVAINE AND [REDACTED] DID. SHORTLY AFTER ARRIVING IN SHERMAN'S OFFICE, [REDACTED] WALKED IN AND THERE WAS A BRIEF DISCUSSION BETWEEN [REDACTED] SHERMAN, AND McILVAINE. McILVAINE ADVISED ME THAT HE RECALLED THAT DURING THE DISCUSSION, SHERMAN MADE THE COMMENT THAT THE FBI DIDN'T THINK MUCH OF [REDACTED] [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] IMMEDIATELY SPOKE UP AND SAID THAT HE HAD BEEN ME PERSONALLY ON THE SAME DATE AND THAT HE HAD MADE UP WITH ME, AND THE FBI, AND THAT HE WAS NOW ON FRIENDLY TERMS WITH THE BUREAU. McILVAINE ALSO SAID THAT EITHER [REDACTED] OR SHERMAN MENTIONED THAT [REDACTED] AT PITTSBURGH, WAS A COMMUNIST, AND THAT [REDACTED] MENTIONED FOR SOME REASON THAT THERE WERE SEVERAL THINGS HE LEARNED WHILE WORKING FOR THE FBI THAT HE HAD NOT REPORTED TO THE FBI. McILVAINE SAID HE DID NOT DESIRE TO ENGAGE IN ANY CONVERSATIONS WITH [REDACTED] OR SHERMAN RELATIVE TO THE STATEMENTS MADE AND HE DEPARTED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, ALONG WITH HIS ASSISTANT, MR. ANDERSON, FROM SHERMAN'S OFFICE. THE BUREAU IS ADVISED THAT I SPECIFICALLY INFORMED MR. McILVAINE THAT [REDACTED] DID NOT CONTACT ME AS ALLEGED AND THAT IN FACT I HAD NOT BEEN IN CONTACT

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WITH [REDACTED] FOR SEVERAL MONTHS. FOR THE BUREAU'S INFORMATION, [REDACTED] DID NOT CONTACT ME ON 5-21-54 BUT IT WILL BE NOTED THAT THIS IS THE SAME DATE ON WHICH [REDACTED] TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED ME. THE STATEMENTS MADE RELATIVE TO [REDACTED] AT THE TIME OF THE MEETING IN LEBERMAN'S OFFICE, WHICH WERE BROUGHT TO MY ATTENTION BY MR. McILVAINE, ARE BEING MADE THE SUBJECT OF A SEPARATE COMMUNICATION TO THE BUREAU IN THE CASE ENTITLED, [REDACTED] AKA, U.S.C., PITT-BURGH, PA., PUBLIC LAW 168, 82ND CONGRESS."

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Cataldo, Idaho

Dear [redacted]

Your letter dated November 4, 1954,
has been received.

In response to your inquiry, I wish to
advise that Matthew Cvetie was never employed as
a Special Agent of the FBI. He did, however,
assist this Bureau as an informant from February,
1949, to January, 1950, and during that time was
compensated for information furnished by him.

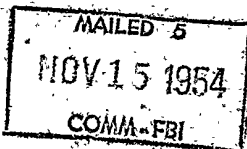
It is a pleasure to enclose some material
which explains the activities of the FBI.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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J. Edgar Hoover
FBI Director
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Dear Sir:

Would you please send me free
available information on the FBI and
send me written proof that Matt
Cretic was a member of the FBI.

This is not for myself but to
prove to certain others whether he worked
for the FBI.

Thank-You!

Sincerely,

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CRD, IS - G, ISA-50. ON 11/9/54, [REDACTED] FORMER

[REDACTED] PGM., PA. TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED

THAT ON 11/8/54 HE WAS SERVED SUBPOENA BY USM, PITTSBURGH,
WHICH SUBPOENA INSTRUCTED HIM TO APPEAR IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

ON [REDACTED] TO TESTIFY BEFORE HEARING
OF SAOB CONCERNING CAPTIONED ORGANIZATION. [REDACTED] ADVISED

THAT USM [REDACTED] TOLD HIM THAT HE HAD ALSO SERVED MATTHEW
OVETIC, FORMER C-113, WITH A SUBPOENA TO TESTIFY BEFORE SAID
HEARINGS. [REDACTED] FURTHER ADVISED THAT ON 11/9/54 HE

ACCIDENTALLY MET OVETIC ON PITTSBURGH STREET AND THAT OVETIC
HAD MENTIONED THAT HE HAD ALSO RECEIVED SUBPOENA TO TESTIFY
NEXT WEEK. FOR INFO.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (66-2542)

FROM : SAC, Pittsburgh (67-2584A)

SUBJECT: MATTHEW CVETIC
FORMER C-113

DATE: December 1954

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Mr. Tolson _____

Mr. Boardman _____

Mr. Nichols _____

Mr. Belmont _____

Mr. Harbo _____

Mr. Mohr _____

Mr. Parsons _____

Mr. Rosen _____

Mr. Tamm _____

Mr. Sizoo _____

Mr. Winterrowd _____

Tele. Room _____

Mr. Holloman _____

Miss Gandy _____

On November 9, 1954, [redacted] former [redacted] Pittsburgh, Pa., telephonically advised that at about 9:20 A.M. on that date, he accidentally met MATTHEW CVETIC in front of the Oliver Building, Pittsburgh. [redacted] advised that CVETIC was "very disgusted" and said that he was "going to get out of here" in about three months; and that he was going to the West Coast where he could make "more money". [redacted] informed that several months ago CVETIC contacted him and requested him, [redacted] which CVETIC had purchased for a girlfriend, and that during the conversation had with CVETIC on this occasion, CVETIC told him that he would not have to [redacted] as the girl "had thrown me over".

[redacted] advised that CVETIC further said that [redacted] is also "disgusted", because everybody "looks down" on him, and because he is not making enough money and is always short of funds. According to [redacted] CVETIC mentioned that [redacted] had said [redacted] was not a profitable venture.

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The above is being furnished as matter of information.

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Mr. A. H. Belmont

December 10,
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Mr. E. B. Rusk

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MATTHEW CYETIC

TESTIMONY BEFORE PUBLIC SESSION
OF SENATE INTERNAL SECURITY SUBCOMMITTEE
(JENNER COMMITTEE) OCTOBER 7, 1954, WASHINGTON, D. C.
ON "COMMUNIST PROPAGANDA," AS CONTAINED IN PART II,
PRINTED EXHIBIT DATED OCTOBER 7, 1954

On November 2, 1954, the Bureau was furnished a copy of
captioned exhibit, which contains Public Session Testimony that may
be disseminated outside the Bureau.

Cyetic was a cooperative witness. He testified he resides
at William Penn Hotel, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and has been employed
in the past 44 years as a lecturer and author. He then gave a
thumbnail sketch of his activities as "an undercover agent for the
Federal Bureau of Investigation" which ended in 1950. He testified
that during the 1940's the two basic activities of the political
commission of the Communist Party were: (1) to set up in the United
States a coalition party which would be made up of the Communist
Party and all progressive forces; and (2) to infiltrate the two
major political parties in the United States, namely the Democratic
and Republican parties. He added that the primary purpose of these
two objectives was to gain control of the United States Government by
subversion. Cyetic said that the Progressive Party, which sponsored
candidates in the 1948 national elections, was organized, inspired
and directed by the Communist Party. Cyetic concluded that the
Communist Party is an integral part of the international Communist
conspiracy that is plotting the overthrow of the United States
Government by force and violence.

Bureau files reflect Cyetic was never an undercover agent
for employee of the Bureau but did assist the Bureau as an informant
from February, 1948, to January, 1950. Since Cyetic terminated his
role as an informant, he has proved himself to be unreliable. (100-372409)

Cyetic's testimony, as contained in captioned exhibit, pro-
vides no new information requiring Bureau action at this time. The
captioned exhibit is filed in the Jenner Control File, 62-88217.

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RECOMMENDATIONS:

(1) File original of this memorandum and the copy of the captioned printed exhibit in the Jenner Control File.

(2) File yellow copy of this memorandum in Cuetio's main file 100-372409.

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Director, FBI (100-381185)

December 8, 1954

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Former [redacted]

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On November 9, 1954, [redacted] former [redacted] Pittsburgh, Pa., advised that in January, 1954, while he was in the City-County Building, Pittsburgh, Pa., waiting to testify before the Hearing Board of the Allegheny County Bar Association which was hearing the case concerning the disbarment of Attorney HYMEN SCHLESINGER because of his communist activities, he accidentally met [redacted]. According to [redacted] asked [redacted] what was wrong with him and [redacted]; that CVETIC was making all kinds of money making speeches but that they were getting nothing. [redacted] advised that [redacted] had suggested that they [redacted] and [redacted] do some traveling and speechmaking in order to make some money. [redacted] dissented.

The above is being furnished as a matter of information.

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- (1- [redacted] ([redacted])
- (1- (66-2552) (MATTHEW CVETIC)
- 1- Pittsburgh (67-2564A) (MATTHEW CVETIC)
- 1- Pittsburgh [redacted] [redacted]

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MATTHEW CVETIC

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From March, 1943, to the present, Matthew Cvetic has been paid a total of \$21,947.08, of which \$18,392.75 was for services and \$3,554.33 was for expenses.

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MATTHEW CVETIC

RECAPITULATION
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<u>YEAR</u>	<u>SERVICES</u>	<u>EXPENSES</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
1943	\$ 936.40	\$ 41.50	\$ 977.90
1944	1,855.00	215.27	2,070.27
1945	1,855.35	483.76	2,339.11
1946	3,050.00	383.45	3,433.45
1947	3,245.00	367.47	3,612.47
1948	3,380.00	895.63	4,275.63
1949	3,731.00	1,087.79	4,818.79
1950	340.00		340.00
1951		79.46	79.46
GRAND TOTAL	<u>\$18,392.75</u>	<u>\$ 3,554.33</u>	<u>\$21,947.08</u>

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MATTHEW CVETIC

<u>DATE</u>		<u>SERVICES</u>	<u>EXPENSES</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
1943				
March	13	\$ 30.00	\$	\$ 30.00
March	30	30.00	\$	30.00
April	20	60.00		60.00
May	18	45.00		45.00
May	31	30.00		30.00
June	28	96.40		96.40
July	20	50.00		50.00
August	7	75.00		75.00
August	19	50.00		50.00
September	6	50.00		50.00
September	27	75.00		75.00
September	29		25.00	25.00
October	11	50.00		50.00
October	11		9.00	9.00
October	22	75.00		75.00
November	12	75.00		75.00
November	30	50.00		50.00
December	11	50.00	7.50	57.50
December	22	45.00		45.00
TOTAL 1943		<u>\$ 936.40</u>	<u>\$ 41.50</u>	<u>\$ 977.90</u>

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1944				
January	3	\$ 70.00	\$	\$ 70.00
January	19	70.00	\$	70.00
January	28	70.00		70.00
February	9	70.00		70.00
February	29	70.00		70.00
March	11	70.00		70.00
March	11		7.50	7.50
March	22	35.00		35.00
March	31	70.00		70.00
April	22	70.00		70.00
May	5	70.00		70.00
May	15	70.00		70.00
May	25		35.00	35.00
June	3	70.00		70.00
June	16	70.00		70.00
June	16		7.50	7.50
June	30	70.00		70.00
July	15	70.00		70.00
August	3	105.00		105.00
August	25	105.00		105.00
September	5		70.27	70.27
September	5		7.50	7.50
September	16	70.00	20.00	90.00
September	30	105.00	60.00	165.00
October	19	35.00		35.00
October	26	70.00		70.00

MATTHEW CVETIC (Cont'd)

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SERVICES</u>	<u>EXPENSES</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>1944</u>			
November 1	\$ 70.00	\$	\$ 70.00
November 21	70.00		70.00
December 1	70.00		70.00
December 15	70.00		70.00
December 27	70.00	7.50	77.50
TOTAL 1944	<u>\$1,855.00</u>	<u>\$ 215.27</u>	<u>\$2,070.27</u>

<u>1945</u>			
January 11	\$ 70.00	\$	\$ 70.00
January 24	70.00		70.00
February 8	70.00		70.00
March 2	105.00		105.00
March 21	105.00		105.00
April 11		7.50	112.50
April 15	70.00	93.77	93.77
April 27	70.00		70.00
May 12	70.00		70.00
May 31	70.00		70.00
June 9	70.00		70.00
June 25	75.35	7.50	77.50
July 7	42.50		75.35
August 2	85.00		42.50
August 10	212.50		85.00
August 29			212.50
September 11	170.00	142.15	142.15
October 9			170.00
October 26		97.50	97.50
November 2	50.00	73.05	73.05
November 10			50.00
November 15	100.00	37.29	37.29
November 23	50.00		100.00
December 19	300.00		50.00
TOTAL 1945	<u>\$1,855.35</u>	<u>\$ 25.00</u>	<u>\$2,325.00</u>

<u>1946</u>			
January 23	\$ 450.00	\$	\$ 450.00
February 26	250.00		250.00
March 15	100.00		100.00
April 3	150.00		150.00
April 12	100.00		100.00
April 25	100.00		100.00
May 20	50.00		100.00
June 24	200.00		50.00
July 23	200.00		200.00
July 26			200.00
August 21		64.95	64.95
		115.60	115.60

MATTHEW CVETIC (Cont'd)

DATE	SERVICES	EXPENSES	TOTAL
1946			
September 25	\$ 250.00		\$ 250.00
October 11	60.00		60.00
October 22	300.00		300.00
November 18	300.00	202.90	502.90
November 21	240.00		300.00
November 25	60.00		240.00
December 23	240.00		60.00
TOTAL 1946	<u>\$3,050.00</u>	<u>\$ 383.45</u>	<u>\$3,433.45</u>
1947			
January 2	\$ 60.00		\$ 60.00
January 7	60.00		60.00
January 21	120.00		120.00
January 28	60.00		60.00
February 3	60.00		60.00
February 10	60.00		60.00
February 17	60.00		60.00
February 27	60.00		60.00
March 4	60.00		60.00
March 10	60.00		60.00
March 10	60.00		60.00
March 19	60.00	60.00	60.00
March 25	60.00		60.00
March 31	60.00		60.00
April 7	60.00		60.00
April 15	60.00		60.00
April 21	60.00		60.00
April 29	60.00		60.00
May 7	60.00		60.00
May 12	60.00		60.00
May 22	60.00		60.00
May 27	60.00		60.00
June 2	60.00		60.00
June 11	60.00		60.00
June 16	60.00		60.00
June 23	60.00		60.00
June 24	60.00		60.00
June 30	60.00	50.00	50.00
July 9	60.00		60.00
July 15	60.00		60.00
July 21	60.00		60.00
July 28	60.00		60.00
July 30	60.00	55.40	55.40
August 14	120.00		120.00
August 28	120.00		120.00
September 3	60.00		60.00
September 9	60.00		60.00
September 18	60.00		60.00

MATTHEW CVETIC (Cont'd)

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SERVICES</u>	<u>EXPENSES</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>1947</u>			
September 22	\$ 60.00	\$	\$ 60.00
October 2	60.00		60.00
October 6	65.00		65.00
October 14	65.00		65.00
October 16			65.00
October 20	65.00	100.00	100.00
October 27	65.00		65.00
October 31			65.00
November 6	65.00	23.45	23.45
November 10	65.00		65.00
November 17	65.00		65.00
November 24	65.00		65.00
November 24			65.00
December 1	65.00	20.62	20.62
December 8	65.00		65.00
December 15	65.00		65.00
December 23	65.00		65.00
December 23			65.00
December 29	65.00	58.00	58.00
TOTAL 1947	<u>63,245.00</u>	<u>\$ 367.47</u>	<u>\$3,612.47</u>
<u>1948</u>			
January 5	\$ 30.00	\$	\$ 30.00
January 12	100.00		100.00
January 19	65.00		65.00
January 21			65.00
January 26	65.00	25.00	25.00
February 2	65.00		65.00
February 9	65.00		65.00
February 16	65.00		65.00
February 25	65.00		65.00
March 1	65.00		65.00
March 1			65.00
March 8	65.00	84.50	84.50
March 18	65.00		65.00
March 22	65.00		65.00
March 25			65.00
March 29	65.00	20.00	20.00
April 5	65.00		65.00
April 12	65.00		65.00
April 19	65.00		65.00
April 27	65.00		65.00
May 3	65.00		65.00
May 10	65.00		65.00
May 17	65.00		65.00
May 24	65.00		65.00
May 28	65.00		65.00
June 7	65.00	76.00	76.00

MATTHEW CVETIC (Cont'd)

DATE		SERVICES	EXPENSES	TOTAL
<u>1948</u>				
June	15	\$ 65.00	\$	\$ 65.00
June	21	65.00		65.00
June	28	65.00		65.00
July	2	65.00		65.00
July	12	65.00		65.00
July	26	65.00		65.00
July	26	65.00		65.00
July	30	65.00	90.00	155.00
August	9	65.00		65.00
August	17	65.00		65.00
August	20	65.00		65.00
August	30	65.00		65.00
September	3	65.00		65.00
September	10	65.00		65.00
September	17	65.00		65.00
September	21		70.00	70.00
September	27	65.00		65.00
September	27		40.00	40.00
September	30		80.85	80.85
October	4	65.00		65.00
October	11	65.00		65.00
October	15		40.00	40.00
October	18	65.00		65.00
October	22	65.00		65.00
October	27		56.49	56.49
October	29	65.00		65.00
November	5	65.00	20.00	85.00
November	8		20.00	20.00
November	12	65.00		65.00
November	18		20.00	20.00
November	19	65.00		65.00
November	23		11.24	11.24
November	26	65.00		65.00
November	29	65.00		65.00
November	29		20.00	20.00
December	3		75.65	75.65
December	6		20.00	20.00
December	10	65.00		65.00
December	14		15.90	15.90
December	14		90.00	90.00
December	17	65.00		65.00
December	21		20.00	20.00
December	31	65.00		65.00
TOTAL 1948		<u>\$3,380.00</u>	<u>\$ 895.63</u>	<u>\$4,275.63</u>
<u>1949</u>				
January	4	\$ 65.00	\$	\$ 65.00
January	7		39.85	39.85
January	11	65.00		65.00

MATTHEW OVETIC (Cont'd)

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SERVICES</u>	<u>EXPENSES</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
1949			
January 14	\$	\$ 18.38	\$ 18.38
January 17	65.00		65.00
January 18		19.28	19.28
January 24	65.00		65.00
January 25		19.88	19.88
January 27	65.00		65.00
January 31		20.00	20.00
January 31		25.00	25.00
February 4	40.00		40.00
February 9	25.00		25.00
February 9		20.00	20.00
February 10	65.00	39.91	104.91
February 18	65.00		65.00
February 28	65.00	20.00	85.00
March 4	65.00		65.00
March 7		20.00	20.00
March 10	65.00		65.00
March 17	65.00	20.00	85.00
March 22		20.00	20.00
March 24	65.00		65.00
March 28		70.00	70.00
April 1	65.00		65.00
April 5		40.00	40.00
April 8	65.00		65.00
April 12		20.00	20.00
April 14	65.00		65.00
April 19		20.00	20.00
April 22	65.00		65.00
April 29	65.00	20.00	85.00
May 3		20.00	20.00
May 6	65.00		65.00
May 13		5.50	5.50
May 13	65.00	20.00	85.00
May 17		20.00	20.00
May 27		11.65	11.65
May 27	65.00	20.00	85.00
June 1	65.00	71.61	136.61
June 7		75.00	75.00
June 13	65.00		65.00
June 13		20.00	20.00
June 15	65.00		65.00
June 15	65.00		65.00
June 23	65.00		65.00
June 23	65.00	20.00	85.00
June 28		19.73	19.73
July 5	31.00		31.00
July 8	65.00		65.00
July 12		20.00	20.00
July 14	65.00		65.00

MATTHEW CVETIC (Cont'd)

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SERVICES</u>	<u>EXPENSES</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>1949</u>			
July 14	\$ 65.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 85.00
July 18		75.00	75.00
July 22	65.00	20.00	85.00
July 29	65.00	20.00	85.00
August 1		20.00	20.00
August 4	65.00		65.00
August 8		20.00	20.00
August 12	65.00		65.00
August 18	65.00	20.00	85.00
August 22		20.00	20.00
August 26	65.00		65.00
August 30		20.00	20.00
September 2	65.00		65.00
September 8		20.00	20.00
September 13	85.00		85.00
September 19	85.00		85.00
September 23	85.00		85.00
September 30	85.00		85.00
October 7	85.00		85.00
October 14	85.00		85.00
October 21	85.00		85.00
October 28	85.00		85.00
November 4	85.00		85.00
November 10	85.00		85.00
November 18	85.00		85.00
November 28	85.00		85.00
December 2	85.00		85.00
December 7		57.00	57.00
December 12	85.00		85.00
December 19	85.00		85.00
December 23	85.00		85.00
TOTAL 1949	<u>\$3,731.00</u>	<u>\$1,087.79</u>	<u>\$4,818.79</u>
<u>1950</u>			
January 3	\$ 85.00	\$	\$ 85.00
January 10	85.00		85.00
January 16	85.00		85.00
January 23	85.00		85.00
TOTAL 1950	<u>\$ 340.00</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$ 340.00</u>
<u>1951</u>			
November 13	\$	\$ 54.58	\$ 54.58
December 5		24.88	24.88
TOTAL 1951	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$ 79.46</u>	<u>\$ 79.46</u>

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TO : Director, FBI (100-372409)

DATE: 12/14/54

FROM : SAC, Pittsburgh (67-2584A)

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FORMER PITTSBURGH SECURITY
INFORMANT C-113
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Mr. Holloman	
Miss Gandy	

Re Pittsburgh letter captioned "MATTHEW CVETIC" 12/14/53, wa.;
and Bureau letter to Pittsburgh captioned "[redacted] wa.;
SM - C" 11/15/54.

On 12/7/54 MATTHEW CVETIC, Room 704, Wm. Penn Hotel, Pittsburgh, Pa., was interviewed by SAs [redacted] and [redacted] concerning the case entitled "[redacted] wa.; SM - C" (Pittsburgh file 100-292; Bureau file 100-49264).

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During said interview CVETIC voluntarily advised that he has almost completed the book which he has been writing concerning his past activities in connection with the CP.

CVETIC advised that said book is entitled "I Walk Alone," that it will consist of about 300 pages; and that he has been writing said book from a human interest viewpoint and has left out Marxist theory, etc. He related that his story begins when he entered St. Vincent's Preparatory School, Latrobe, Pa. as a young boy and ends with the death of his mother in the latter part of 1949.

CVETIC stated that he expects said book to be off the press in the spring of 1955 and that he has four or five publishers under consideration at the present time to publish said book, and that he would decide on which publisher he will use within the next few days.

The above is being furnished as a matter of information.

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TO : Director, FBI

DATE: January 10, 1955

FROM : SAC, Pittsburgh (67-2584)

SUBJECT: MATTHEW CVETIC
FORMER C-113

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The following item appeared in KARL KRUG's column "On the Town" in the January 10, 1955, issue of the Pittsburgh Sun-Telegraph at Page 4:

"Matt Cvetic's 'I Walk Alone,' a book which took him over a year to write, which he did all by himself, and which will be the first real account of his FBI undercover activities, will roll off the presses May 1. It won't add to the Reds' May Day festivities."

The above is furnished for the information of the Bureau.

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TO : Director, FBI (100-372409)

DATE: January 28, 1955

FROM : SAC, Pittsburgh (67-2584A)

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DATE 7-31-89 BY SP2 mac/ep

SUBJECT: MATTHEW CVETIC
FORMER SECURITY INFORMANT C-113Re Bureau airtel to Pittsburgh, 1/13/55, entitled, "[redacted]",
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On 1/18/55 MATTHEW CVETIC, Room 705, William Penn Hotel, Pittsburgh, was interviewed concerning [redacted] in accordance with the authorization contained in rebuairtel. During said interview CVETIC advised that he had completed writing his book which is to be entitled, "I Walk Alone." CVETIC stated that the last six chapters of said book are presently in possession of L. C. Page and Company, Publishers, 53 Beacon Street, Boston 8, Massachusetts, with whom he has contract to publish said book and that the complete and finished manuscript for said book should be in his possession by the early part of March, 1955.

CVETIC advised that said book should be published and ready for press by May, 1955; that the sale price of said book is \$3.00 per copy; and that a salesman for said publishing company informed him recently that he already had orders for several hundred copies of said book.

As a result of the conversation had with CVETIC by the interviewing Special Agent concerning the publication of said book, CVETIC submitted a letter dated 1/19/55 which was received at the Pittsburgh Office on 1/20/55, which letter stated:

"I will submit the final copy of my manuscript to you in ample time to give the FBI an opportunity to peruse it.

"While it is for the most part a human interest story, and while I have zealously stayed away from the methods and techniques of the FBI, not commonly known, I think that in the interest of national security I would want them to study it and offer whatever suggestions or criticisms they may have.

"I think it will be the first book about the Communist conspiracy written in everyday English so that even the eighth grade student will know something about the Communist Party after he reads the book, thereby better

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arming himself for the fight that inevitably he must
face up to some day.

Matt Cvetic"

Upon receipt from CVETIC of a copy of the manuscript for his book,
the Pittsburgh Office will forward it immediately to the Bureau for
examination, and suggestions or comments.

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TO : Director, FBI (100-372409)

DATE: 2/21/55

FROM : SAC, Pittsburgh (67-2584A)

SUBJECT: MATTHEW CVETIC
FORMER SECURITY INFORMANT C-113 CONF. INFT.

RePGlet, 1/28/55.

On 2/2/55 [redacted] Former Security

Informant [redacted] Pittsburgh, Pa., advised that on Saturday evening, 1/22/55, at about 5:50 p.m., he accidentally met MATTHEW CVETIC in a cigar store located at the corner of Grant St. and 6th Ave., Pittsburgh.

[redacted] advised that on this occasion, CVETIC told him that two men, whom he did not identify, helped him to write his book, which book he expects to be published in May, 1955. [redacted] advised that CVETIC appeared to be somewhat "downcast" and told him that if it were not for Attorney HARRY ALAN SHERMAN and JAMES J. AMOORE, a reporter for the "Pittsburgh Sun-Telegraph," Pittsburgh daily newspaper, he could have made \$100,000, and that he was "trying to forget about the experiences which I had with them."

The above is being furnished as a matter of information.

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TO : MR. NICHOLS *BN*

DATE: 3-10-55

FROM : *FWW* W. WAIKART

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DATE 2-21-89 BY SP2MAC/BJ *7/3-1*

SUBJECT: ALLEGED DELAY IN GETTING FILES

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Reference is made to the attached memorandum from Mr. Boardman to the Director dated 3-9-55 entitled "Ex-Communists as Witnesses," apparently dictated by Supervisor [redacted]

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The memorandum states that in requesting the files on Matthew Cuetic and [redacted] on 3-4-55 there was delay in delivering these files. Specifically, it was stated that while some of the files were delivered on the same day, 3-4-55, and others on Saturday, 3-5-55, six sections of the file on Cuetic were not obtained until Tuesday, 3-8-55.

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The Records Section's records on the request for these files by [redacted] do not reveal any delays and, while there were a number of locates, none took more than a short period of time to locate and none were held longer than overnight for delivery early the next morning. The following chronology in handling files on Cuetic and [redacted] sets forth their complete handling insofar as Supervisor [redacted] is concerned.

Matthew Cuetic:

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The Records Section has no record of a request from [redacted] on 3-4-55 for Sections 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, and 7 of Cuetic's file. These Sections were apparently in file on 3-4-55 and, in fact, were requested, found in file, and charged to Supervisor [redacted] of the Crime Records Section on Monday, 3-7-55.

Section 4 of this file was requested and charged out to [redacted] on 3-3-55.

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At 12:12 p.m. on 3-4-55 we received another request from [redacted] for Section 8 (last Section) of this file. This Section was charged out and, accordingly, placed on special locate. By 8:47 p.m. on the same date, Friday, 3-4, [redacted] called back and indicated that the file when located should be delivered to him by 10:00 a.m., Saturday, 3-5. Section 8 was found Friday night and delivered to [redacted] as requested by him either that night or the next morning, 3-5-55, as requested.

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PERSONAL FILES

UNRECORDED COPY FILED IN 100-372401-343

Memorandum to Mr. Nichols
Re: Alleged Delay in Getting Files

3-10-55

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[redacted]
Sections 1, 3, 4, and 5 on [redacted] were requested by Supervisor [redacted] at 7:07 p.m., 3-4-55. They were pulled by the night shift that evening and were delivered to [redacted] either that night or the next morning, 3-5-55.

Section 2 of this file requested by [redacted] on 3-4-55 was on locate. However, it was found and transferred to him on the same date at 12:59 p.m. The last Section, Section 6, of this file was requested by [redacted] at 11:51 a.m., 3-4, was on locate but found and transferred to him at 12:18 p.m. on the same date, 3-4-55.

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From the above it would accordingly appear that there was no delay in the Records Section in handling these files.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : THE DIRECTOR

DATE: March 9, 1955

FROM : Mr. L. V. Boardman

SUBJECT: EX-COMMUNISTS AS WITNESSES

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On Mr. Belmont's memorandum of March 8, 1955, attached, you asked where certain files which were not available until March 8, 1955, had been. You also instructed that the handling of General Swing's memorandum be expedited.

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The handling of this matter necessitated the review of the main files on Matthew Cvetic (8 sections) and [redacted] (6 sections), a total of 14 sections in all. These files were ordered special Friday afternoon, March 4, 1955. Although no record of receipt was kept, it is recalled that certain sections of these files were delivered Friday, March 4, 1955, and Saturday, March 5, 1955. Six sections of the file on Matthew Cvetic were not received, however, and were kept on special locate on Monday, March 7, 1955. During the evening of March 7, 1955, it was learned that these files were being used by the Crime Records Section on a special project on Cvetic and arrangements were made to obtain these files on Tuesday, March 8, 1955.

ACTION:

The memorandum to the Attorney General, in response to General Swing's memorandum, has been prepared and sent through.

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Attachment

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cc - Mr. Boardman
 Mr. Belmont
 Mr. Baumgardner
 Mr. McInturff

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memo to Mr. Nichols
 3-10-55
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. L. V. BOARDMAN

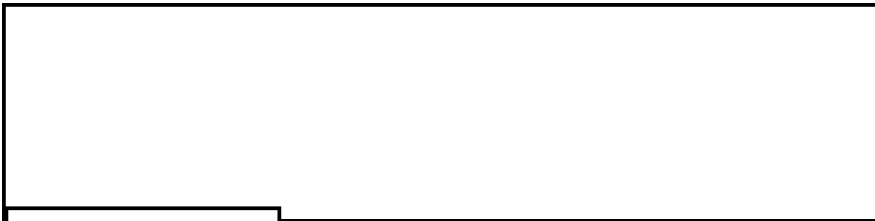
DATE: March 8, 1955

FROM : MR. A. H. BELMONT *ahb*

SUBJECT: EX-COMMUNISTS AS WITNESSES

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 This is carried on the
Special List.

This matter has been receiving preferred attention since its receipt; however, the handling of this matter necessitates extensive file review and certain files have not been available until today. It will be handled as soon as possible and an appropriate memorandum will be submitted dated March 9, 1955.

ACTION

None. For your information.

cc: Mr. Boardman
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Baumgardner
Mr. McInturff

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*Where have they been?
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Baumgardner
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RE: R. BOARDMAN
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DIRECTOR, FBI

EX-COMMUNISTS AS WITNESSES

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Reference is made to an undated copy of a memorandum
to you from []
received at this Bureau March 3, 1955. []

Referral/Consult

Your attention is called to my letter to you of
May 13, 1954, captioned, []

Referral/Consult

A 74-page
attachment to this letter contained information from this
Bureau's files concerning individuals utilized by the
[] as informants.

On pages 4 and 5 of the attachment it was pointed
out that Matthew Cvetic was discontinued as an informant by
this Bureau in view of various indiscretions on his part, such
as one incident wherein he had allegedly been drinking heavily
and had revealed to a female companion the fact that he was
furnishing information to the FBI concerning communist activities.
During the period of time from January, 1950, to the present,
there have been additional allegations of intoxication and
indiscretions of a similar nature on the part of this
individual.

For your additional information, on numerous
occasions both [] and [] from December,
1950, until March, 1953, when the Pittsburgh Smith act trial
began, the Department and the United States Attorney at
Pittsburgh were fully advised of Cvetic's background,
indiscretions and questionable public statements he had
made subsequent to his discontinuance as an informant.

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On page 66 of the attachment to my letter of May 13, 1954, referred to above, it was pointed out that following the discontinuance of [redacted] as an informant by this Bureau in March, 1953, [redacted] has made a number of allegations concerning subversive activities which he had not previously reported to the FBI during his informant status. A number of these allegations were impossible to substantiate. In addition, [redacted] has charged that the FBI [redacted] ordered him to plead [redacted] which he was involved. This statement was completely false and a Special Agent of the FBI testified in an open hearing in the Court of Common Pleas in Pittsburgh on October 6, 1953, refuting the allegation. This testimony was in connection with a petition to the court by [redacted]

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On August 9, 1954, [redacted] represented himself as "an undercover agent for the FBI" in order to obtain entrance into the Pittsburgh Ordnance District to view an employee of the Department of the Army. The Internal Security Division of the Department is presently considering the advisability of prosecution of [redacted] for Impersonation in this instance.

2 cc: Assistant Attorney General
William F. Tompkins

2 cc: Commissioner
Immigration and Naturalization Service

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Assistant Attorney General
William F. Tompkins

March 2, 1955

Director, FBI

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA - BRIEF
(Prosecution of Additional
Communist Functionaries Under
the Smith Act - Pittsburgh)
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
FBI File 100-3-74-89

Information has been received to the effect
that Matthew Cvetic has written a book entitled "I
Walked Alone," which he expects to have published in
May, 1955.

The above is being furnished for your
information since Cvetic, a former confidential
informant of this Bureau, was a Government witness
in the Pittsburgh Smith Act trial.

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TO : Mr. Hoover

FROM : The Attorney General

SUBJECT: Harvey Marshall Matusow.

Matthew Cvetie

I have your memorandum on the above subject dated February 12, 1955, and agree with you completely that the utmost care and consideration should be given to the use of professional witnesses in security cases.

Supplementing my memorandum to you and others on the subject "Ex-Communists as Witnesses", dated February 21, 1955, I have addressed a memorandum, a copy of which is attached, to the Director of the Immigration and Naturalization Service. After reviewing this supplemental memorandum to General Swing, as well as my aforementioned memorandum of February 21st, if you can think of any other steps which should be taken by the Government in this general area I would appreciate it if you would let me have your suggestions.

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Executive Order

February 21, 1955

The Attorney General

Ex-Communists as Witnesses.

Supplementing my memorandum dated February 21, 1955, on the above subject, will you please furnish me a list of the I. & N. S. cases in which Matthew Cvetic, [redacted] and Harvey Matusow have appeared as witnesses. If there are such cases, appropriate steps should immediately be taken to review them to determine whether or not they should be reopened in fairness to the Government or the individuals involved in the proceedings.

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cc - Mr. Hoover

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. L. V. Boardman

DATE: March 11, 1955

FROM : Mr. A. H. Belmont

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SUBJECT: ALLEGED DELAY IN GETTING FILES

Matthew Cvetic

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On my memorandum to you of March 8, 1955, re "Ex-Communists As Witnesses," the Director asked where certain files, which were not available until March 8, 1955, had been. The Director also instructed that the handling of General Swing's memorandum be expedited.

The handling of the files in this matter has been thoroughly reviewed both in the Domestic Intelligence Division and in the Records Section. Supervisor [] recalls requesting his clerk to order all sections of the main files on both Matthew Cvetic and [] early on the afternoon of Friday, March 4, 1955. Supervisor [] clerk definitely recalls calling the Records Section at approximately 1:00 p.m. March 4, 1955, and ordering these files special. The records of the Records Section, however, reflect that all of the sections of the [] files were called on March 4, 1955, by [] or his clerk and delivered that day or the following day, Saturday, March 5, 1955, but that only one section of the Cvetic file was called and that this section was delivered to [] Friday night or Saturday morning as requested. [] also recalls contacting the Records Section at approximately 7:00 p.m. March 4, 1955, and instructing that the Cvetic and [] files be delivered to him, when located, Saturday, March 5, 1955. Concerning the remaining Cvetic files, [] learned late in the evening of March 7, 1955, that they were in possession of the Crime Records Section and made arrangements to obtain these files on Tuesday, March 8, 1955.

It appears that a misunderstanding occurred on originally calling these files as to exactly what was wanted insofar as the Cvetic files were concerned. [] clerk has been cautioned to be certain that the Records Section is completely aware of exactly what files are desired and Mr. Waikart has advised me that personnel in the Records Section have also been cautioned to ascertain exactly what files are desired when receiving telephone calls on special orders. Copies of this memorandum will be placed in the folders of the employees involved.

RECOMMENDATION:

This is for your information. The memorandum to the Attorney General in response to General Swing's memorandum was completed late on the evening of March 8, 1955, and sent through.

cc Mr. Boardman Mr. Belmont
Mr. Baumgardner Mr. Waikart
Mr. McInturff

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cc: Mr. McInturff
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MATTHEW CVETIC, FORMER PG SI. REURAIRTEL MARCH TWENTYSIX
AND URTEL MARCH ^{TWENTYNINE}~~THIRTY~~, LAST. MEDICAL RECORDS OF ST. FRANCIS
HOSPITAL SHOULD BE CHECKED IN ACCORDANCE WITH REQUEST OF
USA MC ILVAINE. FURNISH RESULTS TO BUREAU AND MC ILVAINE.
DO NOT INTERVIEW CVETIC WITHOUT SPECIFIC BUREAU AUTHORITY.
DEPARTMENT AND INS BEING ADVISED BY BUREAU OF DEVELOPMENTS
SET OUT URTEL.

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NOTE ON YELLOW: Pertinent information
in Pittsburgh airtel and tel is being furnished
to the AG, Internal Security Division and INS
by letter dated March 31, 1955, re "Ex-Communists
as Witnesses."

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Transmit the following Teletype message to: BUREAU 4-774

MATHEW CVETIC; INFORMATION CONCERNING. [ON 3/31/55,]

ADVISED ISIDORE GIBBY NEEDLEMAN (BUFILE 100-341652) CONTACTED

ARNER GREEN, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, AMERICAN COMMITTEE FOR PROTECTION
OF FOREIGN BORN. CONTACT WAS ABOUT OTHER MATTERS, BUT AT END OF

DISCUSSION GREEN ASKED NEEDLEMAN, "HOW DO YOU LIKE OUR FRIEND
CVETIC?" NEEDLEMAN LAUGHED AND GREEN ASKED IF IT WASN'T TERRIFIC

TO WHICH NEEDLEMAN REPLIED, "THEY SHOULD ALL GO CRAZY." NEEDLEMAN
STATED HE SUPPOSED THEY "WILL GET A REPORT ON WHAT HAPPENED ON

THEIR MOTION." GREEN SAID, "YES THEY MADE IT MONDAY." GREEN

INDICATED THIS WAS WONDERFUL AND OF GREATEST IMPORTANCE TO THE CASE

IN THE COURT OF APPEALS IN CHICAGO ON [] (PH) (OR) []

(PH). GREEN STATED CVETIC HAD BEEN THE SOLE WITNESS. NEEDLEMAN

WONDERED IF THEY GOT THE REPORT FROM THE HOSPITAL THROUGH SUBPOENA

- 3 BUREAU (REGULAR)
- 1 CHICAGO (INFO) (REGULAR)
- 1 PITTSBURGH (INFO) (REGULAR)
- 1 NY 100-78633 (NEEDLEMAN) (6)
- 1 NY 100-14691 (GREEN) (12-15)
- 1 NY 100-3620 (ACFPB) (7-2)

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Transmit the following Teletype message to:

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(U) BUT GREEN DID NOT THINK SO. GREEN SAID HE HAD SEEN "HY" (PH)
IN WASHINGTON AND HE MENTIONED SOMETHING ABOUT GETTING IT OUT OF
PITTSBURGH, BUT SAID "THIS PERSON NOT USING SUBPOENA BECAUSE HE
WANTED TO REOPEN CASE." GREEN SAID "WE HAVE SYMPATHIZERS AND
FRIENDS, THEY MAY NOT AGREE WITH US BUT THEY DON'T LIKE LIARS
OR DRUNKARDS TO RULE THE ROOST." NEEDLEMAN AGREED WITH GREEN
AND THE CONTACT ENDED. [REDACTED] CANNOT ADVISE ANY ADDITIONAL
DETAILS BUT IT SEEMS CVETIC HAS BEEN HOSPITALIZED, THE HOSPITAL
REPORT IS IN COMMUNIST HANDS, NOT THROUGH SUBPOENA, BUT THROUGH
HELP AND ON CVETIC'S MENTAL OR PHYSICAL CONDITION LEGAL MOVES
WILL BE MADE TO WIN A CASE AGAINST INS ON [REDACTED] (PH)
IN THE CHICAGO COURT OF APPEALS. *jc* SUBMITTED FOR INFORMATION.

KELLY

CC: MR. BELMONT

~~ATTN: SUPERVISOR~~
DOM. INTEL. DIVISION

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Special Agent in Charge

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cc: H. Belmont
cc: B. Reddy

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

March 31, 1955

Director, FBI

EX-COMMUNISTS AS WITNESSES

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Reference is made to your memorandum of
March 21, 1955.

Under Item 1 (a) you requested that if the
FBI finds additional employee security cases in which
evidence furnished by Matusow was used or similar cases
other than employee cases, the FBI should notify the
Internal Security Division. You also stated that the
Internal Security Division is to advise the appropriate
Government agency of each such case, recommending a
review.

For your information, each Government agency
which has received reports on employee security cases
containing information furnished by Harvey Matusow has
been advised of the identity of the particular document
containing Matusow's information as well as the temporary
informant symbol given Matusow in those instances where
his identity was concealed. Several additional employee
security cases in which Matusow furnished information have
been located since my memorandum of March 2, 1955, and the
Department and pertinent Government agencies have been
advised appropriately. Should any other cases of this
type be located similar action will be taken.

Regarding cases other than employee security
cases, the Records Administration Branch of the Department
and other Government agencies which have received reports
containing information furnished by Matusow wherein his
identity was concealed by a temporary informant symbol or
where Matusow was characterized as to reliability have been
notified of the location of Matusow's information in the
reports and his present unreliability. Any other cases of
a similar nature which are located in the future will be
appropriately handled.

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NOTE ON YELLOW: See memo to The Director from Boardman
dated 3/24/55 Re as above. Initials: GFM:ebp

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Under Item 1(c) (iii) you asked whether newspaper reports are accurate which state that Matusow testified before a Congressional committee that he could personally identify 10,000 Communists in New York City. You further asked whether this statement is reflected in Department files. The files of this Bureau indicate that such a statement was made by Matusow in testimony on March 13, 1952, before the Senate Subcommittee on Internal Security in hearings relating to the Institute of Pacific Relations. Matusow's statement appears in part 11 of the record of these hearings which was furnished to Assistant Attorney General Charles B. Murray by memorandum dated September 23, 1952, captioned "Institute of Pacific Relations, Espionage - R."

Under this same item you asked whether anything in Bishop Ornam's public statements should have alerted us. For your information, Bishop Ornam's statement to the effect that Matusow had stated that he had lied to Congressional committees was reportedly made at a conference of the Methodist Church during the early part of June, 1954. Information concerning this statement was furnished to Assistant Attorney General Warren Olney III by letter dated July 6, 1954, and copies of newspaper articles concerning this matter were furnished to Assistant Attorney General William F. Tompkins by letter dated July 20, 1954.

Referral/Consult

Under Item 4, you requested the FBI to advise as to whether evidence from Matthew Cvetie or [redacted] was used in any employee security cases. Both of these individuals furnished information to the FBI as informants for a number of years. Information furnished by them while they were in informant capacities was cross-checked and much of it was verified by other sources. There has been

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no positive indication that either Cvetic or [] furnished unreliable information. Much of this information has been disseminated and has been used in employee security cases. It is pointed out that the difficulties which we have experienced with both Cvetic and [] have primarily been confined to the period following their discontinuance as informants and each of them has attempted to capitalize on his past informant work for the FBI. Both Cvetic and [] have made public statements which are exaggerated and designed to capture the public interest. Cvetic has moreover been accused of intoxication on a number of occasions and [] has made false statements about his relationships with the FBI in the past. Your attention is directed to my letter of March 9, 1955, captioned as above, which furnishes additional details concerning these two individuals.

On March 16, 1955, James Eadie, Chief of the Brownsville, Pennsylvania, Police Department, telephonically advised this Bureau that Cvetic had been arrested by that Department for drunken driving. According to Chief Eadie, Cvetic had driven his automobile into a ditch. Chief Eadie requested advice as to what action he should take with regard to Cvetic and was advised that that individual had no present connection with the FBI and that this Bureau would not intercede for him in any way.

On March 25, 1955, a reliable confidential informant of our Pittsburgh Office advised that during a March 24, 1955, meeting sponsored by the Pittsburgh Civil Rights Congress which dealt primarily with informants, a report which appeared to be a medical analysis concerning Cvetic was read. According to the informant, the report dealt with Cvetic's recent psychiatric treatment at St. Francis Hospital, Pittsburgh, and Evelyn Abelson, Secretary of the Western Pennsylvania Committee for Protection of Foreign Born, pointed out that her organization and the Civil Rights Congress would immediately begin preparation of a petition for submission to the United States District Court, Pittsburgh, and to []

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[redacted] at the Pittsburgh Smith Act trial was
valueless since Cuetic was suffering from a nervous
disorder.

On March 29, 1955, United States Attorney John W. McIlvaine, Western District of Pennsylvania, advised our Pittsburgh Office that he is in possession of a copy of a press release, apparently prepared by the Western Pennsylvania Committee for Protection of Foreign Born. Portions of this release, which had not been printed as of March 29, 1955, read as follows:

"The Western Pennsylvania Committee for Protection of the Foreign Born announced today that petitions have been filed in two deportation cases introducing new evidence relating to the mental illness of Matthew Cuetic, main witness in both proceedings. Attached to each petition is a summary of the hospital record, which shows that Cuetic was admitted to St. Francis Hospital, Psychiatric Division, on February 17, 1955, was discharged March 5, 1955, and re-admitted on March 19. ... Dr. W. J. Kelly, who examined Cuetic on his first admission, found 'patient is restless, agitated, has a suspicious attitude, seems afraid, admits drinking heavily of late, is admitted as a chronic alcoholic.' According to the history obtained by the admitting physician, the patient was always rather a depressive person. His son never could understand him, he never discussed his problems with him, and he is at a loss to know what his trouble is at present, other than being lonely. He lives in a hotel room alone and has been writing a book. He has been very despondent and unsettled since he resumed drinking. He paced back and forth in his hotel room,

he ate and slept very little since Sunday. Patient used liquor very heavily for a period of five years, but quit altogether two and one half years ago and has been with alcoholics anonymous. Patient has been doctoring for a nervous condition. He started drinking this past Sunday and Monday, February 13 and 14. Since he was so despondent, his son called the hotel doctor who gave him some medicine and recommended hospitalization. ... Cuetic medical record corroborates the charge of all the victims of this informer that his testimony is unreliable, that his motives are questionable, and that his use by the Department of Justice and other Government agencies calls for an investigation. In view of the psychopathic record of Cuetic, the Western Pennsylvania Committee for Protection of the Foreign Born calls for the immediate reopening of all cases in which Cuetic has testified."

Referral/Consult

United States Attorney McIlvaine stated that he was greatly concerned over this development, since Cuetic is the principal witness in [redacted]

[redacted] Mr. McIlvaine requested that the medical records at St. Francis Hospital be checked in order to verify whether Cuetic's physical condition is as described in the press release. Our Pittsburgh Office has been instructed to make this check and furnish the results to United States Attorney McIlvaine and to the Bureau, for transmittal to the Department.

With further reference to the Civil Rights Congress meeting on March 24, 1955, our informant advised that [redacted] of "The Committee To End Sedition Laws" stated that the "Valley Journal," a newspaper published at Millvale, Pennsylvania, is in possession of a file concerning [redacted] and should

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[redacted] and Harry Alan Sherman, his attorney, bring
suit regarding [redacted]

[redacted] McNeil further
stated that in the event the "Valley Journal" does not
make use of this information, there are two large newspapers
in Pittsburgh which also want to expose Marxel. The
informant advised that the names of the newspapers were
not mentioned and that he is unable to state how much
truth exists in McNeil's statement.

2 cc - Mr. William P. Rogers
Deputy Attorney General

2 cc - Assistant Attorney General
William F. Tompkins

2 cc - Commissioner
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PITTSBURGH SECURITY - URGENT

MATTHEW CVETIC, FORMER PG SI, REMYAIRTEL MARCH 26 LAST.
USA JOHN W. MC ILVAINE, WOPA, ADVISED TODAY THAT HE IS
IN POSSESSION OF COPY OF PREPARED PRESS RELEASE RE PHYSICAL
CONDITION OF MATTHEW CVETIC AS SET OUT IN REAIRTEL. MC ILVAINE
STATED RELEASE NOW IN POSSESSION OF LOCAL PG NEWSPAPERS.
(RELEASE NOT PRINTED TO DATE). RELEASE APPARENTLY PREPARED
BY WPA COMMITTEE FOR PROTECTION OF FOREIGN BORN AND STATES
IN PART THAT QUOTE THE WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA COMMITTEE FOR
PROTECTION OF THE FOREIGN BORN ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT PETITIONS
HAVE BEEN FILED IN TWO DEPORTATION CASES INTRODUCING NEW
EVIDENCE RELATING TO THE MENTAL ILLNESS OF MATTHEW CVETIC,
MAIN WITNESS IN BOTH PROCEEDINGS. ATTACHED TO EACH PETITION
IS A SUMMARY OF THE HOSPITAL RECORD, WHICH SHOWS THAT CVETIC
WAS ADMITTED TO ST. FRANCIS HOSPITAL, PSYCHIATRIC DIVISION,
ON FEBRUARY 17, 1955, WAS DISCHARGED MARCH 5, 1955, AND
RE-ADMITTED ON MARCH 19. DR. W. J. KELLY, WHO EXAMINED
CVETIC ON HIS FIRST ADMISSION, FOUND SINGLE QUOTE PATIENT
IS RESTLESS, AGITATED, HAS A SUSPICIOUS ATTITUDE, SEEMS
AFRAID, ADMITS DRINKING HEAVILY OF LATE, IS ADMITTED AS A
CHRONIC ALCOHOLIC SINGLE QUOTE. ACCORDING TO THE HISTORY
OBTAINED BY THE ADMITTING PHYSICIAN, THE PATIENT WAS ALWAYS
RATHER A DEPRESSIVE PERSON. HIS SON NEVER COULD UNDERSTAND
HIM, HE NEVER DISCUSSED HIS PROBLEMS WITH HIM, AND HE IS AT
A LOSS TO KNOW WHAT HIS TROUBLE IS AT PRESENT, OTHER THAN
BEING LONELY. HE LIVES IN A HOTEL ROOM ALONE AND HAS BEEN
WRITING A BOOK. HE HAS BEEN VERY DESOLATE AND UNSETTLED
SINCE THE RESUMED DRINKING. HE WOULD EAT AND SLEEP IN
HIS HOTEL ROOM, HE ATE AND SLEPT VERY LITTLE SINCE SUNDAY.
PATIENT USED LIQUOR VERY HEAVILY FOR A PERIOD OF FIVE YEARS.

67 APR 26 1955
If the intelligence contained in the above message is to be disseminated
outside the Bureau, it is suggested that it be suitably paraphrased in
order to protect the Bureau's coding systems.

cc: MR. BELMONT
AND SUPERVISOR

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BUT QUIT AL TOGETHER TWO AND ON HALF YEARS AGO AND HAS BEEN WITH ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS. PATIENT HAS BEEN DOCTORING FOR A NERVOUS CONDITION. HE STARTED DRINKING THIS PAST SUNDAY AND MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13 AND 14. SINCE HE WAS SO DESPONDENT, HIS CON CALLED THE HOTEL DOCTOR WHO GAVE HIM SOME MEDICINE AND RECOMMENDED HOSPITALIZATION.

.... CVETIC MEDICAL RECORD CORROBORATES THE CHARGE OF ALL THE VICTIMS OF THIS INFORMER THAT HIS TESTIMONY IS UNRELIABLE, THAT HIS MOTIVES ARE QUESTIONABLE, AND THAT HIS USE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES CALLS FOR AN INVESTIGATION. IN VIEW OF THE PSYCHOPATHIC RECORD OF CVETIC, THE WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA COMMITTEE FOR PROTECTION OF THE FOREIGN BORN CALLS FOR THE IMMEDIATE REOPENING OF ALL CASES IN WHICH CVETIC HAS TESTIFIED. UNQUOTE. USA MC ILVAINE STATED HE IS GREATLY CONCERNED OVER INFO RE CVETIC PHYSICAL CONDITION AS CVETIC IS

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USA MC ILVAINE INDICATED THAT MEDICAL RECORDS ST. FRANCIS HOSPITAL, PG, SHOULD BE CHECKED IN ORDER TO VERIFY WHETHER CVETIC PHYSICAL CONDITION IS AS DESCRIBED ABOVE. IT IS NOTED CVETIC WAS GOVERNMENT WITNESS IN PG SMITH ACT TRIAL DURING 1953 AND HAS BEEN PERIODICALLY CONTACTED BY THIS OFFICE WITH BUREAU AUTHORITY IN SGE CASES.

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Transmit the following Teletype message to:

FBI, PITTSBURGH (67-2584A) 3:30 AM EST 3/26/55

DIRECTOR, FBI

MATTHEW CVETIC, FORMER PITTSBURGH SECURITY INFORMANT. REMYAIRTEL
3/25/54, CAPTIONED, "CRC, IS-G". [REDACTED] OF KNOWN RELIABILITY,

ORALLY ADVISED SA RUSSELL M. GWYNNE ON 3/25/55 THAT A MEETING
SPONSORED BY THE PITTSBURGH CRC WAS HELD IN THE ROGUE ROOM
OF THE ROOSEVELT HOTEL, PITTSBURGH, PA., DURING THE EVENING

OF 3/24/55. INFORMANT STATED THAT THIS MEETING DEALT PRIMARILY

WITH INFORMANTS AND [REDACTED] OF THE

PITTSBURGH CRC AND [REDACTED] OF THE WESTERN

PA. COMMITTEE FOR PROTECTION OF FOREIGN BORN, READ WHAT APPEARED

TO THE INFORMANT TO BE A MEDICAL ANALYSIS CONCERNING MATTHEW

CVETIC. THIS ANALYSIS IN SUBSTANCE CONCERNED INFORMATION THAT

MATTHEW CVETIC HAD BEEN RECENTLY ADMITTED TO ST. FRANCIS HOSPITAL

- 3- BUREAU (100-372409) (RM)
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AT PITTSBURGH, PA., AND HAD UNDERGONE PSYCHIATRIC TREATMENT.

[] AND [] POINTED OUT THAT THEIR RESPECTIVE ORGANIZATIONS WOULD IMMEDIATELY START PREPARATION OF A "PETITION" FOR SUBMISSION TO THE USDC AND INS, POINTING OUT THAT THE TESTIMONY BY CVETIC IN INS HEARINGS AND THE PITTSBURGH SMITH ACT CASE WAS VALUELESS DUE TO CVETIC'S SUFFERING FROM A NERVOUS DISORDER. IT IS NOTED THAT ON 3/10/55 MATTHEW CVETIC WAS INTERVIEWED WITH BUREAU AUTHORITY BY SA [] IN CONNECTION WITH AN SGE CASE AND CVETIC TOLD SA [] THAT ON 2/20/55 "SOMETHING HAPPENED TO HIM" AND HE STARTED TO DRINK AND THAT HE DRANK HEAVILY FOR SEVERAL DAYS. HE STATED THAT AS A RESULT HE BECAME "VERY SICK" AND WAS CONFINED TO ST. FRANCIS HOSPITAL, PITTSBURGH, WHERE HE RECEIVED TREATMENT FOR A "NERVOUS CONDITION." CVETIC STATED THAT HE HAD BEEN RELEASED FROM THE HOSPITAL ON 3/8/55. CVETIC ALSO STATED THAT HE HAD BEEN ATTENDED BY DR. JOHN A. MALCOLM (NOTE PITTSBURGH LET TO BUREAU, 3/2/49, CAPTIONED, "CP-USA-BRIEF, IS-C", BUFILE 100-3-74), DURING HIS CONFINEMENT AND DR. MALCOLM HAD ADVISED HIM THAT HE WAS GOING THROUGH A "CHANGE" AND THAT HE SHOULD KEEP BUSY. CVETIC STATED THAT JUST AS SOON AS HIS BOOK, "THEY CALLED ME COMRADE", IS COMPLETED HE DESIRED TO LEAVE PITTSBURGH AND OBTAIN STEADY EMPLOYMENT, BUT THAT HE FINDS IT DIFFICULT TO BREAK AWAY FROM THE WORK IN WHICH HE WAS ENGAGED IN FOR ABOUT NINE

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YEARS. [] ALSO ADVISED SA GWYNNE ON 3/25/55 THAT DURING THE CRC MEETING HELD AT THE ROOSEVELT HOTEL ON 3/24/55 [] [] OF "THE COMMITTEE TO END SEDITION LAWS" STATED THAT THE "VALLEY JOURNAL" PUBLISHED AT MILLVALE, PA., WAS IN POSSESSION OF "A FILE" CONCERNING [] AND IS ONLY WAITING FOR [] AND HARRY ALAN SHERMAN, LOCAL PITTSBURGH ATTORNEY, TO START SUIT REGARDING AN EDITORIAL THE PAPER PRINTED DURING AUG., 1954 CONCERNING [] STATED THAT THE MATERIAL IN THE POSSESSION OF THE PAPER WOULD EXPOSE [] AS A "PERJURER." MC NEIL STATED THAT IN THE EVENT THE "VALLEY JOURNAL" DOES NOT USE THE INFORMATION IN ITS POSSESSION REGARDING [] THERE ARE TWO LARGE NEWSPAPERS AT PITTSBURGH, PA., WHICH WANT TO "EXPOSE []" INFORMANT STATED THAT THE NAMES OF THE NEWSPAPERS WERE NOT MENTIONED AND THAT HE IS UNABLE TO STATE HOW MUCH TRUTH EXISTS IN [] STATEMENT. INFO RE "VALLEY JOURNAL" SET OUT IN PITTSBURGH LET TO BUREAU, 8/31/54 CAPTIONED, [] HARRY ALAN SHERMAN.

THE BUREAU IS REQUESTED TO AUTHORIZE INTERVIEW WITH CVETIC IF DEEMED NECESSARY AND ADVISE WHETHER []

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TO : THE DIRECTOR

DATE: March 24, 1955

FROM : Mr. L. V. Boardman

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Attached is a nine page detailed memorandum analyzing the Attorney General's memorandum of March 21, 1955. The Attorney General's memorandum is addressed to Deputy Attorney General Rogers, the Director, Assistant Attorneys General Tompkins, Olney and Rankin and Commissioner Swing of the Immigration and Naturalization Service. The memorandum deals with a number of different problems throughout the Department connected with Harvey Matusow, [redacted] and former informants or sources Matthew Cuetic, [redacted] and [redacted]. The portions directly relating to the FBI are dealt with in this summary memorandum.

Item 1 (a) deals with employee security cases in which Matusow furnished information. The Attorney General states that if the FBI finds additional such employee security cases or similar cases other than employee cases, it will notify Internal Security Division.

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Likewise, in security and other similar cases, in each case wherein it has been determined that Matusow furnished information and was concealed by a T symbol or characterized as to reliability, we have advised the Records Administration Branch and other agencies to whom the reports were disseminated.

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This item also asks "Was there anything in Bishop Ornam's public statements that should have alerted us?" Information concerning Bishop Ornam's statement that Matusow had admitted that he had lied was furnished to the Department by memoranda dated July 6 and 20, 1954.

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Item 4 in the Attorney General's memorandum pertains to Matthew Cvetic and [redacted] The Attorney General asks that the Bureau advise as to whether evidence from these two former informants was used in any employee security cases.

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We have previously called the attention of the Department to derogatory information concerning these two individuals. Both Cvetic and [] were informants who subsequent to their discontinuance have engaged in activities which have been questionable. Both have attempted to capitalize on their former informant status and both have made statements which were exaggerated and designed to capture the public's imagination. Information supplied by these two individuals while they were informants, however, has been cross checked and much of it verified. There has not been any positive indication that either of these informants furnished information known to be unreliable while they were informants. On March 10, 1955, the Executives Conference took up the question of informants of this type and it was unanimously recommended that the Bureau not attempt to go back and re-evaluate the reliability of a former informant as to information furnished by him while he was an informant in the absence of a definite indication that the informant furnished unreliable information to the Bureau while he was an informant. Information furnished by Cvetic and [] has been widely disseminated and has been used in Security of Government Employees investigations.

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RECOMMENDATIONS:

(1) It is recommended that we advise the Attorney General that the FBI has already advised interested Government agencies in cases wherein Matusow has furnished information and has been concealed by a temporary symbol or characterized as to reliability.

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(2) It is recommended that we point out to the Attorney General that Matusow's statement concerning 10,000 Communists was furnished to the Department and that information concerning Bishop Oxnham's statement was also furnished to the Department.

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(3) It is recommended that we advise the Attorney General that we will be glad to furnish information in our possession to [redacted]
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(4) Concerning Matthew Cvetic, it is to be noted that he was discontinued in January, 1950, in view of his repeated demands for more pay and the difficulty in controlling his activities. Since 1950 we have received repeated indications that he has been drinking and we warned the Department that he should not be used in the Pittsburgh Smith Act trial. Concerning [redacted], it is to be noted that [redacted] was discontinued effective April 30, 1953, following his testimony in the Smith Act trial. We have had considerable trouble with [redacted] since that time and the Department has been kept fully advised. It is believed we should advise the Attorney General that both Cvetic and [redacted] have furnished information which has been used in employee security cases. The Attorney General should be further advised that information furnished by these two individuals while they were informants was cross-checked and much of it verified by other sources. The Attorney General should be further advised that there has been no positive indication that either Cvetic or [redacted] furnished unreliable information and that the difficulties we have encountered with them have primarily been confined to the period following their discontinuance as informants. The Attorney General should be advised of the additional information which has been received concerning the hospitalization of Matthew Cvetic and his arrest for drunken driving and other additional information received concerning [redacted] and the [redacted]
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TO : THE DIRECTOR

DATE: March 24, 1955

FROM : Mr. L. V. Boardman *LB*
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Under date of March 21, 1955, the Attorney General has submitted a status report regarding the use of ex-Communists as witnesses. This report contains instructions as to future steps to be taken by the various divisions of the Department and is in the nature of a follow-up to the Attorney General's memorandum of February 21, 1955.

The memorandum dated March 21, 1955, covers a number of separate but interrelated topics. For the sake of clarity, observations concerning each topic and an appropriate recommendation are being set forth in the same order that they appear in the Attorney General's memorandum.

1. MATUSOW MATTERS

Item 1 (a) deals with employee security cases in which Matusow furnished information. The Attorney General states that if the FBI finds additional such employee security cases, or similar cases other than employee cases, it will notify Internal Security Division.

Observation:

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be located, appropriate notification will be given the Department and any other Government agency concerned.

Likewise, in security and other similar cases, in each case wherein it has been determined that Matusow furnished information and was concealed by a T symbol or characterized as to reliability, we have advised the Records Administration Branch and other agencies to whom the reports were disseminated.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that we advise the Attorney General that the FBI has already advised interested Government agencies in cases wherein Matusow has furnished information and has been concealed by a temporary symbol or characterized as to reliability.

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Item 1 (c)(1) deals with a report to be submitted by Messrs. Tompkins and Lumbard on Court cases, Subversive Activities Control Board (SACB) cases and employee security cases in which Matusow was involved. For your information on March 12, 1955, the motion for a new trial in the Clinton Edward Jencks case was denied and on March 16, 1955, Judge Robert E. Thomason, Western District of Texas, sentenced Matusow to three years for contempt for repudiating his Jencks trial testimony.

The hearing in the [] (New York Smith Act) case ended March 21, 1955. Briefs are to be filed with Judge Dimock by March 25, 1955.

SACB cases are discussed below and employee security cases are covered above.

Recommendation:

We are following very closely the hearings relative to the [] case and you will be advised of pertinent facts as they occur.

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Item 1 (c)(ii) states that the report of Messrs. Tompkins and Lumbard should cover evidence of a Communist plot against the Department, any part thereof, or of a campaign against Government informants and witnesses. For your information a detailed eight-page memorandum with thirty attachments relating to this subject was furnished to Assistant Attorney General Tompkins on March 14, 1955; additional information was furnished to the Attorney General, Messrs. Rogers and Tompkins on March 14, 1955, and further information to Assistant Attorney General Tompkins by memorandum of March 17, 1955.

Recommendation:

We will continue to keep the Department currently advised of all information received reflecting on this subject.

Item 1 (c)(iii) deals with possible discipline of any Department employee who did not maintain proper standards in preparing or using Matusow in behalf of the Government. No comment is being made since this is a Department matter.

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This item also asks whether newspaper reports are accurate which state that Matusow testified before a Congressional Committee that he could personally identify 10,000 Communists in New York City. Our files reflect that Matusow on March 13, 1952, testified before the Senate Subcommittee on Internal Security, Washington, D. C., in a hearing concerning the Institute of Pacific Relations. Matusow said that while a Communist Party member he had worked in three Communist Party bookshops. He described the

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Recommendation:

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Item 1 (c)(iv) states that the report of Messrs. Tompkins and Lumbard should include recommendations as to proposed prosecution or further Congressional investigation of Cameron, Kahn or other individuals or labor unions.

For your information Donald Angus Cameron is a Security Index subject. He appeared before the Eastland Committee on February 17, 18, 1955, in Executive Session and invoked the Fifth Amendment when asked if he was a Communist Party member. The testimony was forwarded to New York by Bureau letter March 3, 1955, for analysis to determine if Cameron committed perjury in his testimony.

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[redacted] is a Security Index subject. [redacted] testified before the Eastland Committee in Executive Session on [redacted] 1955, and invoked the Fifth Amendment in answer to questions concerning his membership in the Communist Party. [redacted] testimony was forwarded to New York by letter dated March 17, 1955, for analysis to determine if [redacted] committed perjury.

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We have learned that the International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers (IUMMSW) agreed in September, 1954, to buy 2000 copies of Matusow's book at 50 cents each. This agreement was made with [redacted] publishers of the book, before Matusow had even contacted [redacted] [redacted] later put Matusow in touch with [redacted] attorney for the union, who obtained an affidavit from Matusow repudiating his testimony in the Jencks case.

This chain of circumstances is being considered, along with other evidence, by Federal Grand Juries in New York and El Paso as a possible conspiracy to obstruct justice.

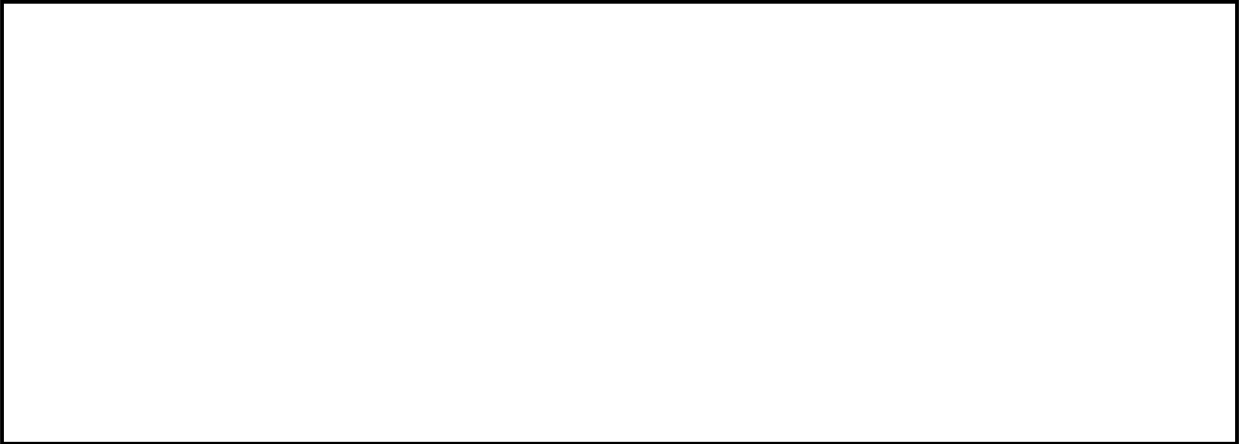
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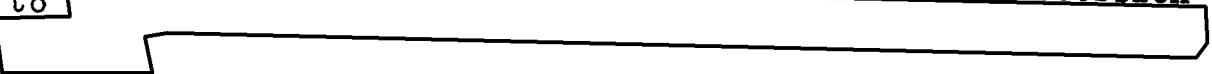
We will follow closely all ramifications of the Matusow matter including those dealing with [redacted] and the IUMMSW.

Item 1 (c)(v) states "Should there be closer liaison between INS and the FBI as to information as to witnesses and informants?" Under date of May 13, 1954, a

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Recommendation:

It is recommended that we advise the Attorney General that we will be glad to furnish information in our possession to 

Item 1 (c)(vi) deals with instructions to Departmental professional employees concerning the responsibility of trial attorneys for the reliability of witnesses. No comment is being made since this is a Departmental matter.

Item 1 (d) deals with SACB cases in which Matusow testified. It is to be noted that in the Communist Party case and the Labor Youth League case Matusow's testimony was disregarded in toto and both cases were decided in favor of the Government. In the cases involving the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship and the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade, Mr. Tompkins has advised the Attorney General that Matusow's testimony could be stricken without affecting the case. The Attorney General requests that Mr. Tompkins advise him concerning these two cases.

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Item 2 deals with investigation of [redacted]. We have previously advised the Attorney General that [redacted] was never used as an informant. A perjury investigation on [redacted], arising out of his allegation that he was prevailed upon by Government personnel to testify falsely at the Federal Communications Commission hearing on [redacted] is being conducted and reports are being furnished to the Department as soon as they are received, reviewed and analyzed.

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Recommendation:

We will continue to follow closely the [redacted] perjury investigation.

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Item 3 in the Attorney General's memorandum pertains to the case of [redacted] was indicted on March 7, 1955, on nine counts of perjury arising out of her testimony before the Federal Communications Commission in the [redacted] hearing. The Attorney General's memorandum states that Mr. Olney should keep the Attorney General advised as to developments in the indictment of [redacted].

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Any matters of interest to the Bureau in connection with the [redacted] perjury case will be followed closely and you will be kept advised.

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Item 6 applies to [] and [] both of whom have been used by the Department as witnesses in the past. The Attorney General states that Mr. Rogers should advise the Attorney General as to his opinion on [] and [] and particularly as to whether we (the Department) should now answer the inquiry as to them from the International Organizations Security Board.

This apparently applies to the testimony of these two individuals in the Dr. Ralph Bunche United Nations case. [] and [] in 1954 testified that Bunche was a member of the Communist Party in 1934 or 1935. This testimony was denied by Bunche and by John Preston Davis, at whose office Bunche was supposed to have attended a Communist Party meeting, according to [] and []. In July, 1954, the Department requested additional investigation by the FBI as to whether [] and [] may have perjured themselves. Additional investigation did not result in evidence which would resolve the question. The Department has received all reports in the Bunche case. No further action by the Bureau appears to be required at this time.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: March 21, 1955

FROM : SAC, Pittsburgh (67-2584A)

SUBJECT: MATTHEW CVETIC
FORMER SECURITY INFORMANT

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On the evening of 3/16/55 JAMES EADIE, Chief of the Brownsville, Pa., Police Department, telephonically advised SA [redacted] that CVETIC on that date had been arrested by Patrolman [redacted] of the Brownsville, Pa., PD for drunken driving. According to EADIE, CVETIC had driven his 1953 Lincoln into a ditch. Chief EADIE requested advice as to what action he should take with regard to CVETIC. EADIE stated that CVETIC had not made any statements with regard to the FBI but that he (EADIE) assumed he should contact the Bureau concerning CVETIC's arrest.

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Chief EADIE was advised by SA [redacted] that CVETIC had no present connection with this Bureau and that he was not at any time an employee or agent of this Bureau. SA [redacted] further advised EADIE that this Bureau certainly would not intercede for any individual charged with a violation of law and that he would have to adhere to his own procedures with regard to the arrest of CVETIC.

Chief EADIE further stated that he intended to let CVETIC "sober up" and if the Burgess of Brownsville so desired, would have CVETIC fill out a check for fines and costs.

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SA [redacted] was subsequently advised on 3/16/55 by [redacted] that EADIE had called said informant and told informant that he (EADIE) was going to have someone drive CVETIC back to Pittsburgh and that the entire matter would be forgotten. [redacted] further advised SA [redacted] that it was his impression that no publicity would result from the above arrest of CVETIC.

The above is submitted for the information of the Bureau.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : The Director

DATE: April 4, 1955

FROM : Mr. L. V. Boardman

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FORMER PITTSBURGH SECURITY INFORMANT

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Nichols	✓
Belmont	✓
Harbo	✓
Mohr	✓
Parsons	✓
Rosen	✓
Tamm	✓
Sizoo	✓
Winterrowd	✓
Tele. Room	✓
Holloman	✓
Gandy	✓

Pittsburgh letter dated March 30, 1955, states that captioned individual has changed the title of his forthcoming book to "They Called Me Comrade." Cvetic states that one John N. Makris of Watertown, Massachusetts, is the "rewrite man" for the book and that two "fine grammarians," Judge Michael A. Musmanno and William Lynch, ticket agent for Trans World Airlines have been helping him in the preparation for the book. Judge Musmanno is to write a foreword for the book.

Cvetic advises that he has named several Special Agents of the Bureau who contacted him in the past in the book and that he specifically recalls that he mentions the names of SAC Edward L. Boyle and Special Agents James McGreevey and William B. Mooney. Cvetic advises that he would be quite willing to delete the names of these Special Agents if the Bureau did not desire that the names appear therein.

Cvetic offered to make a copy of the manuscript available to the Pittsburgh Office for examination, suggestions and comments. Pittsburgh points out that should the Pittsburgh Office accept a manuscript of Cvetic's forthcoming book, Cvetic might later claim that his book had the approval of the FBI or the Bureau might be accused of attempting to impose censorship. Pittsburgh feels that considering all factors involved, Cvetic's offer to make available the manuscript of his forthcoming book should be refused.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that we tell Cvetic that we do not desire to examine his book prior to publication but that we would prefer to have the names of the Special Agents who have handled him deleted from the book prior to publication. If you approve, there is attached a letter to Pittsburgh.

Enclosure *sent 4-5-55* ✓

cc - Mr. Boardman
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Baumgardner
Mr. McInturff

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MATTHEW CVETIC, FORMER PITTSBURGH SECURITY INFORMANT. Remyairtel, 3/26/55; MYTEL, 3/29/55, AND BUTEL, 3/31/55. AS OF 4/1/55 RECORDS

OF ST. FRANCIS HOSPITAL, PITTSBURGH, PA., WHICH WERE MADE AVAILABLE TO SA W. C. HENDRICKS, JR., BY SISTER MARY ADELE, ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR, REVEALED THAT MATTHEW CVETIC WAS ADMITTED TO THAT HOSPITAL ON 2/17/55 UPON APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION SIGNED BY RICHARD CVETIC, SON, WHO BELIEVED CVETIC WAS MENTALLY ILL AND REQUIRING IMMEDIATE TEMPORARY TREATMENT IN A MENTAL HOSPITAL DUE TO "DRINKING." W. J. KELLY, M.D., WHO EXAMINED CVETIC UPON ADMISSION, CERTIFIED ON 2/17/55 THAT CVETIC WAS "MENTALLY ILL FROM THE FOLLOWING FACTS INDICATING MENTAL DISEASE: PT. (PATIENT) IS RESTLESS, AGITATED, HAS A SUSPICIOUS ATTITUDE, SEEMS AFRAID, ADMITS DRINKING HEAVILY OF LATE. IS ADMITTED AS A CHRONIC ALCOHOLIC." ON 2/17/55 RICHARD CVETIC SIGNED PERMISSION TO PHYSICIANS OF ST. FRANCIS HOSPITAL TO USE ELECTRIC CONVULSIVE THERAPY OR METRAZAL THERAPY IN TREATMENT OF FATHER.

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HOSPITAL PSYCHIATRIC DIVISION HISTORY SHEET DATED 2/17/55 REVEALED THAT CVETIC USED LIQUOR VERY HEAVILY FOR PERIOD OF FIVE YEARS BUT QUIT ALL TOGETHER TWO AND ONE-HALF YEARS AGO AND HAS BEEN WITH "A.A." (ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS); THAT HE HAS BEEN DOCTORING FOR A NERVOUS CONDITION; THAT HE BEGAN DRINKING ON 2/13 AND 2/14/55 AND AGAIN ON 2/17/55. HISTORY SHEET REVEALED THAT ON 2/17/55 CVETIC'S SON WENT TO FATHER'S RESIDENCE AT LATTER'S REQUEST, FOUND HIM TO BE DESPONDENT AND UNSETTLED AND CALLED WILLIAM PENN HOTEL DOCTOR, PITTSBURGH, WHO ADMINISTERED MEDICINE AND RECOMMENDED HOSPITALIZATION. CVETIC DESCRIBED AS DEPRESSED PERSON WHOSE SON COULD NOT UNDERSTAND HIM AND WHO HAD BEEN TREATED FOR A NERVOUS CONDITION SHORTLY AFTER HIS MARRIAGE IN 1929 BY ONE DR. MITCHELL. HISTORY SHEET DATED 2/17/55 AND SIGNED BY CYRIL H. WECHT, JUNIOR INTERNE, REVEALED THAT ON THAT DATE CVETIC WAS RESTLESS, ANXIOUS AND NERVOUS AND WECHT WAS OF OPINION THAT CVETIC WAS SUFFERING FROM (1) EARLY ESSENTIAL HYPERTENSION, AND (2) ANXIETY NEUROSIS. CVETIC DISCHARGED FROM HOSPITAL ON 3/5/55 AT WHICH TIME A DISCHARGE NOTE WAS PREPARED BY DR. J. A. MALCOLM. INSTANT NOTE POINTED OUT THAT CVETIC HAD BEEN ADMITTED FOR TREATMENT IN ALCOHOLIC DEPARTMENT, ST. FRANCIS HOSPITAL; THAT HE WAS KNOWN PREVIOUSLY BECAUSE OF ANXIETY REACTION, AND THAT HE USED ALCOHOL TO EXCESS IN THE PAST. THIS NOTE INDICATED THAT CVETIC RECENTLY

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BECAME DEPRESSED BECAUSE OF PERSONAL DIFFICULTIES AND BEGAN TO DRINK WHICH PRECIPITATED ADMISSION TO HOSPITAL; THAT FOUR SHOCK TREATMENTS WERE ADMINISTERED IN ATTEMPT TO DISSIPATE DEPRESSION ATTITUDE AND THAT CVETIC WAS CONSIDERABLY IMPROVED AND WAS DISCHARGED EARLIER THAN "WE" PLANNED DUE TO URGENT PERSONAL BUSINESS. DURING ABOVE-MENTIONED CONFINEMENT ELECTROSHOCK THERAPY WAS ADMINISTERED; CVETIC'S CONDITION WAS IMPROVED, AND THE MEDICAL PROGNOSIS WAS LISTED AS "GOOD." CVETIC WAS READMITTED TO ST. FRANCIS HOSPITAL ON 3/17/55 BY APPLICATION SIGNED BY RICHARD CVETIC WHICH SET FORTH NO REASON WHY FATHER WAS BELIEVED TO BE MENTALLY ILL. CERTIFICATION EXECUTED ON 3/19/55 BY W. J. KELLY, M.D., REVEALED THAT CVETIC WAS BELIEVED TO BE MENTALLY ILL DUE TO FACT THAT HE "IS ASOCIAL, WITHDRAWN, DEPRESSED, WANDERS ABOUT AIMLESSLY, DOES NOT SPEAK UNTIL SPOKEN TO, ADMITS DRINKING RECENTLY." HISTORY SHEET DATED 3/17/55 AND SIGNED BY DAVID A. GEHRING, JUNIOR INTERNE, REVEALED THAT CVETIC WAS THEN BELIEVED TO BE SUFFERING FROM HYPERTENSION. CVETIC ULTIMATELY DISCHARGED FROM HOSPITAL AT 11:45 A.M. ON 3/26/55. CVETIC'S HOSPITAL FILE ALSO CONTAINS SUBPOENA ISSUED BY COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY "IN THE MATTER OF HYMEN SCHLESINGER" WHICH DIRECTED THAT ALL HOSPITAL RECORDS INDICATING HOSPITAL TREATMENT TO MATTHEW CVETIC FROM 1945 TO THE PRESENT BE PRODUCED BEFORE THE COMMITTEE OF OFFENSES, ALLEGHENY

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COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION, NINEH FLOOR, CITY-COUNTY BUILDING, PITTSBURGH, ON 3/22/55. SISTER ADELE STATED THAT INSTANT RECORDS WERE PRODUCED BEFORE THE ALLEGHENY COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION ON 3/22/55 FOR USE IN DISBARMENT PROCEEDINGS CONDUCTED BY THAT ASSOCIATION WITH RESPECT TO HYMEN SCHLESINGER, PITTSBURGH ATTORNEY WHOSE SERVICES ARE FREQUENTLY UTILIZED BY MEMBERS OF DISTRICT 5 CP. ENCLOSED HEREWITH ARE THREE PHOTOSTATIC COPIES OF AN ARTICLE CAPTIONED "REVEAL CVETIC, GOV'T STOOIE WAS IN HOSPITAL AS ALCOHOLIC" WHICH APPEARED ON PAGE THREE, COLUMNS TWO THROUGH FOUR, OF THE 3/31/55 ISSUE OF THE "DAILY WORKER." PURSUANT TO BUREAU INSTRUCTIONS, THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS BEING FURNISHED TO USA JOHN W. McILVAINE.

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